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The Oxford County Citizen.

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CHURCH ACTIVITIES

UNIVERSALIST CHURCH.

There will be a supper, concert and Christmas tree at the Universalist church, Saturday evening, Dec. 23, and it is all free to the members of the Sunday school, their parents, and all others who attend service in this church. It is hoped all these will be present to rejoice with the children in this, the greatest festival of the year. All come and be happy together. The supper hour will be 6 P. M., followed by the concert, closing with the distribution of gifts which the messengers of Santa Claus have placed on the trees. The church will be open in the afternoon and a committee having charge of the tree will be present to receive any gifts that may be brought and see that they are placed on or about the tree. The use of the tree is open to the old as well as the young, that all may feel that they are a part of the Christmas celebration.

Subject of next Sunday's sermon, "Christ enlightening the world."

METHODIST CHURCH.

Rev. D. B. Holt, District Superintendent, was present at the service on Tuesday evening, and gave a very helpful sermon on what it means to be a Christian.

Next Sunday the sermon will be on the Christmas theme, and the choir is preparing special music appropriate to the day. The picnic supper to the members of the Sunday school will be given on Monday evening at 6.15. The families interested are expected to bring material for the supper without soliciting. At 7.30 there will be the usual Christmas concert and tree.

CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH.

A joyous Christmas sermon with appropriate and more joyous music next Sunday morning.

The usual picnic supper for the Sunday school and parish will be served in the dining room at 6.15, Saturday evening, followed by brief exercises and Christmas tree in the chapel. The evening service will be omitted on account of the Community Christmas tree and carols at 7 o'clock in the evening on the Common.

The annual Church Roll Call is scheduled for the first week in January. Notice of the day will be given later.

There will be a special collection for the Maine Missionary Society a week from next Sunday.

SCHOOL NOTES.

Music in the public schools will be the chief topic for discussion at the Parent-Teacher meeting the evening of Wednesday, Dec. 20. It is hoped that all who are interested in this important subject will be present to give their opinion. One of the leading educational magazines says: "Music when properly taught, stands for as much mental development and general culture as any other subject in the curriculum and should receive the same credits toward graduation from the local schools, and as entrance requirements in the colleges and universities." What do you think? Come to the brick building this evening.

The flagpole at Northwest Bethel was taken down, a new rope put in and the pole set between cedar posts in a more desirable position. This did not cost the town a penny, the work being done by men of the neighborhood. It is said that a certain selectman from that section of the town was the leader.

Mr. Albert W. Clark has been engaged to demonstrate his system of writing at the brick building Friday, Dec. 22. The rural schools and the schools of Greenwood will be closed for the day in order that the teachers may be present. A teachers' meeting will follow.

Judging by the preparations that are being made it is evident that Santa Claus is expected to visit nearly all of the twenty-three schoolrooms of the district.

NOTICE.

The annual meeting of the Stockholders of the Bethel National Bank will be held in the banking rooms of said bank, in Bethel, Maine, on Tuesday the ninth day of January, 1917 at two o'clock in the afternoon for the purpose of electing directors for the ensuing year and the transaction of any other business that may legally come before said meeting.

ELLERY C. PARK, Cashier.
December 1st, 1916. 12-7-5t.

THE NATIONAL CAPITAL

Events of Interest From Washington.

By J. E. Jones.

NEW STYLE OF "THE MESSAGE."

"I shall continue the practice," said President Wilson in his address at the opening of Congress, "of leaving to the reports of the several heads of the executive departments the elaboration of the detailed needs of the public service and confine myself to those matters of more general public policy with which it seems necessary and feasible to deal at the present session of Congress."

The thoughtful citizen, accustomed to spend several evenings at the fireside reading the President's annual message, thereby obtaining a general review of the relations between the Government and the country will therefore be disappointed with President Wilson's rather brief communication which declares upon only three important points of legislation. He revives his recommendation for passage of measures to prevent a nation-wide strike and asks for immediate provision for the enlargement and administrative reorganization of the Interstate Commerce Commission "in order that the Commission may be enabled to deal with the many great and various duties now devolving upon it with a promptness and thoroughness which are, with its present constitution and means of action practically impossible." The President also recommends legislation to remove the difficulties that exist in the nature of obstacles to foreign trade. Besides this, he asks for new legislation with reference to Porto Rico.

That is the legislative program up to date, and the Congress accepts it as coming in the manner of instruction from the President. The members may be expected to get busy along these important lines.

MILITANT METHODS OF SUFFRAGISTS.

The country has read all about the display of a banner in the House of Representatives while President Wilson was addressing a joint session of Congress. The extent of the affront to the President and to Congress has produced only unfavorable comment in Washington. The rules of both the Senate and the House very carefully provide against any form of demonstration that might stand in the way of defeating the deliberative purposes of those great legislative bodies. No one except a Member of Congress is ever permitted to address, or appear before either branch with reference to any question whatsoever affecting National legislation. The one exception to this is the President himself, and even should a member of the Cabinet presume to display a picture or banner in either Chamber, he would be held guilty of an unpardonable impropriety. The opinion of the country at large may not as keenly resent, as does Congress, the act of unfurling a banner in the House of Representatives while the President was addressing the joint session. On Capitol Hill there is but one opinion—and that opinion is stern disapproval. It is very probable that if the wishes of the Members of the two Houses might be expressed unqualifiedly, woman suffrage would win by a large majority. It is doubtful, however, if a single Member would approve of a deliberate affront to the President and to the Members of the two Houses in joint session.

THE HIGH COST OF LIVING.

That prices in articles of food are no longer governed by supply and demand appears to be generally accepted by those who have looked into the problem, surrounding the high cost of living. The boycott has been effectual for brief periods in some of the large cities. But the boycott, as a rule, punishes the retail dealer, and he is rarely to blame for the high prices he is obliged to charge his customers.

Unquestionably "the great prosperity" incident to the war is responsible for the high prices of necessities, which are causing so much suffering among the common people. In Washington there is lots of talk about "investigations," and among the legislation that is gaining in favor is that which proposes an embargo on food stuffs. It is expected that the President will call upon Congress in the very near future for some kind of affirmative—and possibly radical legislation, with reference to the fabulous prices now being charged for standard articles of food and merchandise. That the situation is not only be-

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BETHEL INN

Happenings of the Week

Mrs. R. S. Stearns and daughter of Boston are guests at the Inn for an indefinite period.

Mrs. A. S. West and Miss Helen West are expected to spend Christmas in Bethel, and will be guests at the Inn for a few days.

Dr. Colin T. Carter, a prominent dentist of New York City, was an overnight guest on Thursday. Dr. Carter hopes to return with his wife soon after Christmas for a longer stay.

On Christmas Day dinner will be served at the Inn at 1 p. m., price $1.00 per plate. We hope to have the pleasure of entertaining many Bethel people, as well as out of town guests at Dinner.

The toboggan chute has been improved and is already in fair condition for the sport. A new engine and pump has been purchased for pumping water on the ice, which will make it possible to have excellent skating at all times. We hope both will be much enjoyed the coming winter.

Among the guests at the Inn the past week were: E. J. Ham, Lewiston, Me.; W. H. Norton, Portland, Me.; J. A. Dube, Boston, Mass.; Frank L. Harlow, Gorham, Me.; Mr. Orlando Libby, Portland, Me.; Edw. L. Robinson, Portland, Me.; C. A. White, Portland, Me.; H. A. Woolside, Portland, Me.

BETHEL TO HAVE COMMUNITY CHRISTMAS TREE.

Through the kindness of Bethel Inn and the Bethel Light Co., there will be a Community Christmas Tree on the Common next Sunday evening at seven o'clock.

The Bethel Inn has agreed to furnish the tree and set it in place, and the Bethel Light Co. has agreed to light it. Now all that is necessary is for the people both old and young to be present and join in the carols which will be sung.

Let us make this first attempt a success and it can be done if you will just be present.

COMMUNITY DRAMA, SATURDAY EVENING, DEC. 30.

The entertainment which was to have been given last Saturday evening on account of the storm was postponed to Saturday evening, Dec. 30.

The feature of the entertainment will be the drama, Rosalind, by J. M. Barrie, in which Mrs. Frederic W. Freeman of Portland, who has had wide stage experience with the leading artists of the Country, will play "Rosalind," a part which made Marie Tempest famous. As Madeleine Lewis, Mrs. Freeman was for several seasons leading woman with William Hodge in "The Man From Home" in which production she made an enviable reputation in the drama. She was also in the all star cast several seasons ago of "Oliver Twist."

Since her marriage, she has made her home in Portland, having given up the professional life, and her first appearance in public since that time was at the Shakespearean Revel. Everyone who attended the Revel will recall the charming portrayal of Shakespeare's heroine, Rosalind at that time. Seldom has there been a more exquisite Rosalind, and her beautiful, finely modulated voice was a source of pleasure to everyone.

Mr. Robert Dempster will take the part of Charles and Mrs. E. C. Van of Dame Quickly. The play is said to be very unique, Mrs. Freeman being required to play just as a young girl and then as a woman of mature years.

Other features will be fancy dancing by Miss Daisy Ines, one of Portland's leading dancers; monologues by Mrs. Davis of Portland, and the reading of O. Henry's "His Courier," by Robert Dempster.

The performance will begin promptly at eight o'clock and a pleasant evening is promised.

FOUND.

Some dressed fowl. Owner call at JORDAN'S,
12-21-1t-p. Bethel, Maine.

HORSES FOR SALE.

Four good work horses weighing about 1500 lbs. each. Will sell single or in pairs. Also harness, sleds and wagons.

A. M. MORRILL,
12-21-3t-p. Bethel, Me.

CHRISTMAS SERMON

By Rev. T. C. Chapman of M. E. Church, Bethel

Luke 2, 15: "Let us now go even unto Bethlehem."

We are interested in centers. They may be centers of gravity, of influence, of light, of power, but each one stands for the heart of something worth while. It is interesting to know that the center of population in the United States, once so near the Atlantic coast, has moved westward until it is now in Indiana. It is interesting, and to many also new, to find that the geographical center of our country is outside its borders in the Pacific Ocean and well on the way toward China. It is not less interesting, even though less novel, to consider that at this season the nation's center of thought and feeling is far outside its borders and far removed in time. From the rim of all that touches the life of today, the Faith and Hope and Love which hold the world together are making straight paths to Bethlehem, the hub of our moral and spiritual world, the center from which radiates the sense of good cheer and good will and of Jehovah's everlasting love.

Following the paths so clearly defined, "Let US now go even to Bethlehem."

But some one asks why we go to Bethlehem. History answers that it is an ancient city, rich with associations which have hallowed the place for all time. Abraham once pastured his flocks on those hillsides, and the dust of dead patriarchs mingles with the soil of those flinty fields. There Ruth gleaned, and found the romance which gladdened her life in an alien land. There David followed his father's flocks, and tuned his harp, or, boylike, when time hung heavy amused himself by throwing stones at the crows, all unconscious of the day when the event of battle should depend on the sling in his boyish right hand. To the well by the gate came David's heroes in his days of exile, breaking through the Philistine ranks that they might carry back to their loved leader the cooling draught he craved. And when he became a great king, for his sake and because his kinsfolk lived there Bethlehem became forever the "City of David."

"But if that is all, why the haste? Why be so urgent to go just now? Surely after the centuries which have passed a brief delay cannot matter!"

But look, listen! The very air seems throbbing with life. In the midst of our commonplace world, the pulse of another world, a better world, thrills through us, and we see visions and dream dreams which shall never die. For to us just now,

"There's a song in the air;
There's a star in the sky;
There's a mother's deep prayer,
And a baby's low cry;
And the star rains its fire while the Beautiful sing,
For the manger of Bethlehem cradles a King!"

Surely we do well to go in haste when the King awaits us and angels bring the message.

"But may all go to see the King? The courts of kings are for the mighty and the learned and the rich. There is raiment to make ready, and ceremonies to learn, and court officers whose favor must be won. The King's call must be meant for Herod and Annas, for the scribes and the Pharisees, and the wealthy Sadducees, while I am but common clay, hardly less common than the other clay I till!"

The summons came to shepherds, and they are common folks. If they are so honored by the invitation of the King on the lips of angels, why not the man who tills the soil, or measures cloth, or stands by a machine? Why not the mothers with their children, the humble poor of every class and order? Indeed, why not? The good tidings of great joy were sent to "ALL the people," and if we are just "people" we surely are invited and there is no chance to feel left out, no excuse for neglecting our privilege in the call of the King.

Nor was it to men of the olden time alone, for the story echoes on, and the Christ lives on, and the music of heaven peals on so that today—

"We hear the Christmas angels
The great glad tidings tell."

And, hearing, we extend the invitations so that others can hear,—

"Come, all ye faithful, triumphantly sing,
Come, see in the manger the an-

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GRANGE NEWS

BETHEL GRANGE.

Bethel Grange, No. 56, met in regular session, Thursday evening, Dec. 14, for the purpose of electing the officers for the year 1917.

Master—Levi Bartlett.
Overseer—Byron Cummings.
Lecturer—Mae R. Bartlett.
Steward—Geo. Hapgood.
Asst. Steward—Herman Mason.
Chaplain—Mary Farwell.
Treasurer—Mary Cummings.
Secretary—Ida Packard.
Gate Keeper—Sidney Jedrey.
Ceres—Ella Lyon.
Pomona—Eva Hapgood.
Flora—Clara Grover.
L. A. Steward—Pauline Mason.
Musician—Florence Upton.

Voted to send the Master and his wife to the State Grange which meets in Bangor this week. Closed in form.

ALDER RIVER GRANGE.

Alder River Grange held their regular meeting, Wednesday evening, Dec. 13. Voted to send Worthy Master and his wife to the State Grange to be held at Bangor, Dec. 19 to 23. Members taking part in the literary program: Guy Bartlett, Miss Edna Bartlett, Edson Bartlett, L. E. Cole, Mrs. Helen Bean, Miss Elva Fuller, Miss Rhoda Bartlett, Mrs. Jennie Mitchell, Mrs. May Kimball, Mrs. Etta Bean, Mrs. Rose Bartlett, with piano solos by Mrs. Helen Bean.

Question—"Which has done more for the world, man or woman?" Decided in favor of the man.

Officers will be elected for the coming year at the next meeting, Dec. 27, and refreshments will be served under the direction of H. E. Bartlett, Freeborn Bean and Russel Swan.

PARIS GRANGE.

Paris Grange held its regular meeting Saturday, Dec. 16. The weather and traveling were very bad. Officers present: Master, Overseer, Steward, Chaplain, Secretary and Gate Keeper. The next meeting will be held Saturday, Jan. 6, 1917, at 10.30 A. M., when the first and second degrees will be conferred. After dinner the officers-elect will be installed.

TO A. K. M.

Sweet voiced singer we rejoice
That once again you sing,
Your loving words of sympathy
Robs death of half its sting.

Not to the heart without a care
Is given the song of cheer,
They best can sing of heaven's joy
Who have known earth's sorrow here.

Refuse not then to aching hearts
The song that is yours alone,
Perchance a spark from another heart
May return and light your own.

B. M. M.
Bethel, Maine, Dec. 14, 1916.

MRS. WALTER D. KIMBALL.

Ella M. Twitchell, wife of Walter D. Kimball of Augusta, died last Saturday morning of pneumonia following measles, aged about 27 years.

Mrs. Kimball was the only daughter of the late Col. Albert S. Twitchell of Gorham, N. H. After the death of her father she lived for several years at Bethel with her aunt, Mrs. Ada Wight, and attended Gould's Academy. Later she went to Oak Grove Seminary from which she graduated in 1909. On June 29, 1910, she became the wife of Walter D. Kimball of Augusta in which city they have made their home.

She leaves her husband and three children, Eliot, Marion and Albert, the latter born Dec. 5, 1916.

ADDITIONAL LOCALS.

Mrs. Henry Hastings spent Tuesday in Norway.

Mr. Ernest Bennett of Magalloway was in town, Tuesday.

Mrs. Wesley Wheeler and Mrs. Olive Wood were in Lewiston, Saturday.

Mrs. A. E. Bailey and Mrs. Don Smith from Newry were in Bethel, Thursday.

Lester and Una Brooks went to their home in Errol, N. H., Tuesday for a few days' vacation.

Mr. and Mrs. Dennis Kilgore from North Newry were in Bethel, Friday night to attend the pictures.

Miss Helen Baker from Sunday River spent the week end with her aunt, Mrs. May Allen, on Paradise road.

WANT COLUMN.

Put your Want and Sale notices here and they will be read in 3,000 Oxford County homes—4 lines, 1 week, 25s. 3 weeks 50c.

NOTICE.

I wish to announce to the people of Bethel and vicinity that I am prepared to do all kinds of plumbing and repair work at a reasonable price, also sheet metal work. All work carefully and promptly attended to.

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Bethel, Maine.
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Opposite N. F. Brown's.

FOR SALE.

Pair black horses weighing 1130 each, one 12, the other 14 years old, the horses I worked on my peddler cart for 3 years. Also my peddler cart and sled, both in good running order.

W. A. BRAGG,
10-12-tf. Bethel, Maine.

MEN WANTED.

Jobs now open unloading pulp wood, and men in crew will be given first chance at steady jobs with good pay in our new pulp mill. Good wages, good board—near Portland by trolley—Write or call.

S. D. WARREN & CO.,
12-21-2t-p. Cumberland Mills, Me.

FOR SALE.

The barn on the Milton Grover place on Grover Hill. Can be taken down and moved. Well timbered and much good lumber can be taken from it. Apply to

HERRICK & PARK.

NOTICE OF LOST BANK BOOK.

Notice is hereby given that the Bethel Savings Bank has been notified that book of deposit issued by said bank to Alice Melverda Bass and numbered 1600, has been destroyed or lost, and that it is desired to have a new book of deposit issued.

BETHEL SAVINGS BANK,
By A. E. Herrick, Treasurer.
Bethel, Maine. Dec. 6th, 1916.
12-14-3t-p.

NOTICE.

I wish to announce to the people of Bethel and vicinity that I have purchased the Laundry Business of Mr. Ralph Young and assumed possession Dec. 18th. I have secured the services of Mr. W. C. Garey and will endeavor to do your laundry work in a satisfactory manner.

DELLISON CONROY.

WANTED.

If you are a girl with a fair education and are neat, industrious and ambitious we can give you a place at once as clerk in our subscription department. It is clean, interesting work. A year-round position and a substantial advance in salary are assured if you prove satisfactory. We can, if you wish, give you a chance to learn typing, stencil cutting, ad-writing, letter writing and work at which extra good pay can be earned by those who succeed. A promising future is open to ambitious girls in our publishing business. Willingness to work and to study are the chief requisites for getting to the top. If you are willing to start small and if you are ambitious to work up slowly to something good write, telling all about yourself to

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Cuff Buttons
Scarf Pins
Silk Mufflers
Linen Collars and Cuffs
Bath Robes
Pajamas
Ladies' and Gentlemen's
Umbrellas
Silk Hose
Lisle Hose
Cashmere Hose
Sweaters

Mackinaw Coats
Balmacaans
Girls' and Boys' Toques
Soft and Stiff Hats
Caps
White and Fancy Vests
Arrow White and Fancy
Shirts
Night Shirts
Suits
Overcoats
Reefers
Corduroy and Cloth,
Sheep-lined Coats
Skates
Skiis
Sleds
Jackknives
Safety Razors
Carving Sets
And many other useful
articles

CARVER'S

BETHEL AND VICINITY.

Mr. and Mrs. Edward M. Carter were in Lewiston, Thursday.

Misses Maud and Ruby Thurston were in Portland, Monday.

Mrs. I. H. Wight and daughter, Vivian, were in Portland, Sunday.

Miss Rosa E. True of Portland is visiting Miss Mary G. Chapman.

Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Coburn were in Lewiston one day last week.

Mr. Roger Sloan is assisting in Mr. E. P. Lyon's during the holidays.

Mrs. H. H. Hastings and Mrs. I. H. Wight were in Berlin, N. H., Friday.

Miss Dorothy Seaton of Greenwich, Conn., is a guest at Mrs. Ella Carter's.

Sheriff-elect Harry D. Cole of So. Paris was a business visitor in town, Monday.

Mr. Ralph Young is scaling for the Berlin Mills Co, in Howard Thurston's mill yard.

Mason Allen of Bryant's Pond was the guest of I. L. Carver a few days last week.

Mr. Everett McKeen went to Berlin, N. Y., Wednesday, where he has employment.

Mrs. Fred Wheeler and little son, Earlyn, were guests of relatives in Norway last week.

Miss Gladys Trask of So. Paris was the guest of her grandmother, Mrs. B. W. Trask, last week.

Mr. Wm. Bingham, 2nd, has returned to Bethel after spending several weeks at his home in Cleveland.

Mr. Archie Buck went to Portland, Monday, to visit his sister, Mrs. Fitzmaurice Vail and family.

Miss True and Miss Chapman dined on Monday with Mrs. Gilman Bean, Miss Cross and Miss Hamlin.

Miss Edith Soper was the guest of relatives at South Paris last week and Monday she started for Lynn, Mass., where she will spend the Christmas recess with her mother.

Mr. F. B. Hall was in Lewiston, Thursday.

Mr. Arthur Herrick was in Lewiston, Monday.

The Crochet Club met with Mrs. D. T. Durell, Tuesday afternoon.

Miss Kathryn Bryant of Bangor is the guest of relatives in town.

Mr. and Mrs. Will Poole went to Oxford, Saturday, to spend a few days.

Mrs. Frank Williamson and Miss Mae Cross were in Lewiston, Monday.

Mr. Lawrence Lavorgna was a business visitor in Lewiston last Thursday.

Mr. Harry Young is assisting in Bosserman's drug store during the holidays.

Mrs. Frost of Norway was the guest of relatives in town a few days last week.

Mr. Philip Chapman has purchased the Sidney Jodrey house on Church street.

Mrs. Will Philbrook went to Greene, Maine, Wednesday, to spend a week at her home.

Mrs. C. W. Hall and Mrs. F. B. Hall and two daughters were in Norway, Thursday.

Mr. Will Bryant and his son, Myron, brought two deer home from their last hunting trip.

Mr. A. Van Den Kerckhoven and Mr. H. M. Farwell were in Lewiston last Thursday.

The Ladies' Aid will meet at the home of Mrs. Addie Andrews, Thursday afternoon.

The Ladies' Club will meet with Mrs. Angelia Clark, Thursday afternoon at three o'clock.

Mrs. Brickett's music pupils will have a vacation this week, but lessons will be resumed next week.

Miss Maria Pease returned to Bethel, Tuesday after spending several weeks in Boston with friends.

Miss Alice French was called to Augusta, Sunday, by the death of her cousin, Mrs. Rita Twitchell Kimball.

Miss Ethel Hammons of Portland is spending the Christmas vacation with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. R. A. Skillings.

Mr. and Mrs. Venie Brown are receiving congratulations on the birth of twins, a boy and a girl, born Thursday, Dec. 14.

Judge A. E. Herrick, E. C. Park, Esq., and H. H. Hastings, Esq., attended Probate Court at So. Paris, Tuesday.

Misses Frances and Florence Carter of Portland are spending the Christmas recess with their mother, Mrs. Ella Carter.

Mrs. Charles L. Davis, who has been visiting her daughter, Mrs. Robert Wormell, in Portland the past few weeks, has returned home.

Evelyn Chandler came from Norway, Monday, to spend the high school vacation of two weeks with her grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. F. S. Chandler.

Mr. Dellison Conroy finished his labors in Bosserman's Drug Store last Sunday and began his labors Monday in the Domestic Hand Laundry which he has recently purchased of Mr. Ralph Young.

Mr. Irving L. Carver had a very interesting exhibit on display last Friday and Saturday, being relics from the battlefield of Europe and were gathered at a great expense by The Royal Tailors Co. These are being sent to the different agents of the Company throughout the country and are drawing much attention. Many of the relics were gathered from the battlefield at the Marne where the German retreat from Paris in the early stages of the war turned to meet the French in pursuit. Each article bore a card which gave the battlefield on which it was found. Among the relics were: Sword Belt, Belt, Charge of 3 Cartridges, French Coat, Sheath of Bayonet, Cartridge Box, German Cap, Head of a Shell, Sword and other interesting articles.

A GOOD CHRISTMAS PRESENT WOULD BE A SUBSCRIPTION OF ONE YEAR TO THE CITIZEN.

Every Nook and Corner of our small store is just full of useful gifts for Christmas. Here are only a few of the many articles:

Pocket Books and Bags.
Books for the Children, 5c to 50c.
Books for the Boys and Girls, 25c.
Fiction, 49c.
Dainty White Aprons, 25c and 50c.
Neckwear in profusion.
Dresden Ribbons for Fancy Work.
Stationery, 10c, 15c and 25c.
Dolls from 5c to 50c.
Toys too numerous to mention.
Handkerchiefs, from 3c to 50c.
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MAIN STREET BETHEL, MAINE

IRA C. JORDAN
DEALER IN
General Merchandise
and Grain
BETHEL, MAINE

LOCKE'S MILLS.

Leslie Davis was home Sunday from his work in the mail car.

Mrs. Elbridge Crooker of Bryant's Pond visited with her daughter, Mrs. Henry Morgan, the past week.

W. B. Rand was in Portland, Friday, after Christmas goods.

Mrs. W. H. Crockett and Mrs. Tena Woodsum were in Lewiston, shopping, Friday.

Mrs. A. R. Stowell was in Bryant's Pond, Thursday.

Harry Swift is building an addition on his house.

The Ladies' Aid held their sale at the club house, Wednesday afternoon. Fancy articles, aprons, food and candy found ready sale. The ladies realized a goodly sum.

BRYANT'S POND.

The church societies have arranged for the Christmas festival to be held at the Baptist church, Monday evening, Dec. 25th. At the close of the exercises gifts will be distributed from two trees placed in the rear of the church.

Alfred Hendrickson of South Woodstock has purchased the Leighton stand at North Paris.

A hot air heating plant is being installed in the new house erected by Wesley Ring. Edward Stanley of Berlin has charge of the work.

Word has been received here of the death of Mrs. S. J. Oldacre, wife of the former pastor of the Baptist church. They were residents here in 1912 and a part of 1913 and moved from here to the eastern part of the State.

The merchants here are arranging their goods for the holiday season display.

George Allan England, the writer, now in Jacksonville, calls it pretty nice and warm down there. Mr. England has been located in Girard, Kansas, where he has been assisting on a newspaper in the town.

Mrs. Joseph Carter of Greenwood has leased the Azel Perham place, recently vacated by Harry Billings.

A son and daughter of William Hall left Friday for Alabama, where the son intends to locate, having purchased land there several years ago.

Gibbs Wyman, a former resident of our village, passed his seventy-sixth birthday at the home of his daughter, Mrs. John E. Hathaway, in the Whitman district. Many words of congratulation came to him through the mails from friends here and in other towns.

COTTAGE STUDIO NOTES
WATCH THIS COLUMN.
Norway, Maine

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The first road breaking of the season was Dec. 16th.

Mr. and Mrs. Maurice F. Tyler were over night guests of Mr. and Mrs. B. S. Tyler in Mason last week.

Mr. R. L. Cummings' men packed Mr. Albert Whitman's apples last week, also several lots near West Bethel.

Mr. Quimby, local agent for the Maine Farmer, was a week end guest at Pleasant View Farm.

Karl Stearns accompanied Mr. Eli F. Stearns with a car load of apples to Berlin, N. H., last Wednesday, returning Friday night.

Messrs. Harry Lyon and Harry King went to Grafton, deer hunting, the last few days of the open season.

Almon Tyler is working in the woods, as also is Ingalls McAllister.

Mr. E. B. Whitman has a bad cold.

Mr. M. F. Tyler and Frankie Hapgood have been working in the woods.

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Any young woman will enjoy them. They are in black white and colors, 50c, 59c, $1.00, $1.59.

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BATH ROBE BLANKETS

Large enough to make a robe for man or woman. They come with cord for waist, dark and medium colors, $2.95, $3.95, $4.45.

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We have an excellent assortment now and prices are very low, colored or white cotton blankets, 75c to $3.45.

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In this section you will see many gift suggestions for men or women from 25c to $4.95. Hand Bags, Purses, Bill Folds, Card Cases, Toilet Sets, Writing Cases, Comb Sets, etc.

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Ladies' beauty pins, belt pins, hat pins, stick pins, comb sets, barrettes, etc., 25c to $1.00.

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SWEATERS, heavy and warm, and a garment you can wear the year around. Ladies', $3.95, $4.95, $5.95. Children's, $1.00, $1.50, $1.98, $2.95.

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SILK UNDERWEAR, Camisoles, Chemise, Gowns, in flesh and white, 98c, $1.98 up to $5.95.

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Evergreen Chapter, No. 24, O. E. S., held their annual inspection Tuesday evening and in spite of the severe storm quite a gathering was present. Those who came with teams kindly took the village people to and from the hall. The work was inspected by D. D. G. M., Mrs. Emma B. Howe of Rumford. Five candidates joined the order, four by initiation. Officers were also elected at this time, as follows:—W. M., Miss A. C. Bicknell; W. P., Frank B. Woodward; A. M., Miss Florence G. Childs; Sec., Caleb E. Mendall; Treas., Mrs. Velda Bicknell; Cond., Mrs. Ethel Woodward; Asso. Cond., Miss Agnes M. Heald; finance com., Mrs. Estella C. Briggs, Mrs. Martha J. Child and Frank M. Oliver. Mrs. Howe made helpful remarks and was presented with a large bouquet of chrysanthemums. Supper was served at the close.

John A. Hodge Relief Corps has elected for President, Mrs. Evie B. York; Vice Pres., Mrs. Amy Chamberlain; Sec., Mrs. Martha J. Childs; Treas., Mrs. Estella C. Briggs; Past Pres., Mrs. Flora Hodge; Chap., Mrs. Eunice S. Oldham; Guard, Mrs. Alma Towle; Cond., Mrs. Maud Richardson.

Mr. and Mrs. W. A. Lucas have been visiting their daughter, Mrs. Clara H. Towle, of Dixfield.

Kenneth and Avis Merrow of Gilbertville have been ill with pneumonia.

Mr. and Mrs. Fred Stetson of Hartford are receiving congratulations on the birth of a daughter, Dec. 12th.

S. B. Ellis has purchased a burro for his young son, Herschel.

Miss Lila Gilbert of Lewiston has been visiting at the home of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. W. B. Gilbert.

Mr. and Mrs. Noyes Cushman returned this week from a hunting trip to Kennebago with two fine deer.

A pleasant meeting of the Canton Reading Club was held Saturday at the home of Mrs. Ralph W. Bicknell. A paper was read by Mrs. D. B. Partridge and current events were taken up. The next meeting will be held with Mrs. Geo. W. Carson on Jan. 6th.

Mrs. Henry H. Nulty of Buckfield has been a guest of her daughter, Mrs. R. W. Bicknell.

Mrs. Elon Dailey is visiting her son, Elton Dailey and wife of Lewiston.

Harry Bragg and family have moved to Hartford.

George Smith has arrived in town to spend some time with his sister, Mrs. L. A. Davis.

Something entirely new in the line of musical entertainment will be given at the Opera House next Friday evening under the auspices of Ponemah Rebekah Lodge. The program includes an original sketch by a local quartet, "Rafferty, the only Suffragette in Town;" vocal solo and dance by Bernice Handy; announcement by Charlie Dyment; and "The Bargain Hunters," musical satire, introducing fifteen characters; dancing by four young ladies. A dance will follow with good music furnished. Ice cream and cake will be on sale during the evening.

NEWRY.

Mrs. D. C. Smith was at Bethel last Thursday to do some shopping.

Mrs. J. W. Martin of North Paris is still with her mother, who is a little more comfortable at this writing.

Miss Lillian Bean spent the week end at her home on Sunday River.

Rob Enman has gone into the woods to cut timber for Eli Stearns. His son, Leon Enman, has finished working for Frank Douglass and will work for his father.

Attractive neckwear at L. M STEARNS'. Adv.

CONSTIPATION MAKES YOU DULL.

That draggy, listless, oppressed feeling generally results from constipation. The intestines are clogged and the blood becomes poisoned. Relieve this condition at once with Dr. King's New Life Pills; this gentle, non-griping laxative is quickly effective. A dose at bedtime will make you feel brighter in the morning. Get a bottle to-day at your Druggist, 25c. Adv.

AUTOMOBILE REGISTRATION.

Chief Harold P. Davis of the Maine Automobile Registration Bureau, department of State, has received the printed matter necessary in sending out notices and application blanks for registration and operators for the season of 1917, and with his force is now forwarding them by mail to every holder of a 1916 license. The work will require about a week, some 35,000 being the number.

Lest anyone should feel that he was being overlooked in this matter, Mr. Davis wants the public to know that he is beginning at the head of the list, or with No. 1, and that the list will be gone through with in order, so that the holders of the last license number issued will be the last to receive his notice and application blank.

That people are interested in being on time in some cases is illustrated by the fact that already about 100 have sent in their 1917 applications with the important feature added—the cash. They will of course be the first to receive their numbers and licenses.

The secretary of State is sending, through the Registration Bureau, and with the application blanks a card bearing warnings, instructions, etc., to all automobilists, which if observed, would do away with much of the trouble constantly being reported from all sections. They read as follows:

To Automobilists.

Make application for your 1917 registration now, dating application Jan. 1, 1917. Application cards herein enclosed.

Attach your 1917 registration plates to your motor vehicles after Dec. 31, 1916, at midnight. Attach one to the front and one to the rear, each conspicuously placed so that the number can be seen at a glance.

Never operate your motor vehicle unless both registration plates are in place. If one is lost return the other to the secretary of State, accompanied by 81 cents to pay for a new set and postage.

Do not attempt to operate any motor vehicle with any registration plates other than those issued for that particular vehicle or with only one plate. Do not make a registration plate to take the place of the one lost. Any substitute plate will get you into trouble.

Always carry registration certificate in the motor vehicle for which it was issued, it will not protect any other car.

Do not permit anyone to operate your car unless he or she has an operator's license.

Never permit any person under 16 years of age to operate your car. Always carry your operator's license on your person or in your car while operating.

Always display 30 minutes after sunset, until 30 minutes before sunrise, two white lights on the front of your car and one red rear light and a white light plainly illuminating rear registration number plate.

Operate your car always in a careful manner. Reckless driving is responsible for nearly all the accidents which occur. See that you are not at fault.

BILLY SUNDAY SERVICES.

One of the Best Summaries We Have Seen.

We notice the Boston Transcript is making a special report of Billy Sunday Tabernacle Services in their Friday Weekly.

These installments are most entertainingly written, and we feel that you will find them so whether you are interested in Mr. Sunday's work or not.

For fifty cents you can get the complete series (three months' numbers), or they will send a sample copy for the asking. Adv.

A married woman is always suspicious of her husband when she receives a telegram from him, written out on a typewriter.

WINTERING BEES.

U. S. Department of Agriculture Recommends That Bottoms as Well as Sides of Hives Be Insulated.

Failure to insulate the bottom of the hive largely offsets the value of insulation around the hive in the outdoor wintering of bees, according to the annual report of the Chief of the Bureau of Entomology of the U. S. Department of Agriculture. Experiments conducted with a number of insulated hives showed that much heat was lost from the unprotected hive bottom. Insulating these bottoms was found to increase their value greatly. Manufacturers, therefore, have been advised to build insulated hives with insulated bottoms. According to the report, the choice of insulating material is of minor importance, as the materials commonly used—shavings, sawdust, leaves, and chaff—do not differ greatly in insulating value.

On the subject of insulation, the entomologist says, in part:

"Beekeepers have repeatedly claimed that excessive insulation is even more detrimental in winter than insufficient insulation, because of the failure of the colony to warm up on bright days. To test this theory, a colony was packed, in the fall of 1915, with 16 inches of sawdust on all sides, top, and bottom. Temperature records were made at frequent intervals every day throughout the winter and spring. The colony remained in excellent condition in every respect throughout the winter, being little affected by high winds, and after brood rearing began it built up with great rapidity. Then, to continue observations on the effect of insulation on the building up of the colony, the packing was allowed to remain all summer. Except for the impossibility of manipulating the colony, it remained in excellent condition. It seems clear, therefore, that beekeepers need not fear any detrimental results from abundant insulation at any season of the year."

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CHRISTMAS SERMON

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gels' dread King!
To Bethlehem hasten with joyful accord;
O hasten, O hasten to worship the Lord."

"But isn't that rather a mixed company? I like a certain measure of exclusiveness. I like to feel that I am better than other folks. This going with all sorts and conditions of men seems a little common and cheapening."

Well, it is hard to satisfy some folks even at Christmas time. It is true that common shepherds went the way to Bethlehem, but it is also true that three kings followed soon after. Perhaps, too, in the sight of their maker the shepherds were not less regal than the kings themselves. God went to a sheepfold to find Israel's greatest king, and King Immanuel came of the shepherd's line though he himself toiled with the saw and the plane. Let us rejoice that a great host have gone the way to the city of David. It is easier travelling with a crowd, it is safer in the well worn ways. And the pilgrim feet which have worn deep the path to Bethlehem are those of choice men and women, a motley crowd in outward appearance, coming from many lands, speaking many tongues, and touched by the various customs of the passing centuries. But it is a goodly company and they are travelling a glorious way!

There is one pilgrim only a little before us in the way. He was a busy man with many cares and heavy burdens, yet when he entered a home of poverty and found a mother weary with the care of her sick child, it was just like him to take the fretful child in his own arms and send the mother away for a little pleasure jaunt at his expense. Perhaps if this Great Heart of our own New England would turn toward us a little, we would find that he still carried a tired lamb in his arms as he went to see the King. But listen! As he looks at the quiet village on the hill he has begun to sing—

"O little town of Bethlehem
How still we see thee lie!
Above thy deep and dreamless sleep
The silent stars go by.
Yet in thy dark street shineth
The everlasting light:
The hopes and fears of all the years
Are met in thee tonight!"

"For Christ is born of Mary"—
But we all know the singer and will never forget the song, and there is no need to repeat it further now.

As we look a little farther ahead, we see another man and he is praying. He was—nay, he is—a man of great talent. Once his father-in-law, who happened to be a minister, told him of his plan for a special missionary service on the following Sunday, explaining that his preparation was completed except that he really needed a good missionary hymn to round out the program. Then he looked at his son-in-law and said, "Perhaps you could furnish the hymn." The young man went out, and before the company broke up returned with three stanzas of

"From Greenland's icy mountain,"

The company approved his effort, saying that it was all right. "Not yet," replied the author, "Let me have the paper a moment." And without leaving the room he added—

"Waft, waft, ye winds, his story;
And you, ye waters, roll,
Till like a sea of glory,
It spreads from pole to pole:
Till o'er our ransomed nature
The Lamb for sinners slain
Redeemer, King, Creator,
In bliss returns to reign."

I submit that only a man of great talent could have done that. But he was also a hero and a saint. When it meant much more to be a foreign missionary than it does even now, he went to India, lived in its darkness, baptized its first Christian convert won by an English speaking man, and then on "India's coral strand" laid down his life to prove the greater love of which Jesus has spoken. Listen to the prayer which welled from his heart as he went to meet the King:—

"Brightest and best of the sons of the morning,
Dawn on our darkness and lend us thine aid:
Star of the East, the horizon adorning,
Guide where the infant Redeemer is laid."

The people who sing and the people who pray—of such are they who have turned toward Bethlehem. Unlike in many things they are alike in that they are going to see the King, and that is reason enough for song. In human weakness they need help and guidances by the way, and that is why they pray and long for the spiritual presence of the King on the road which leads to a vision of His face. The song stands for joy and the prayer for faith. Thank God for the songs of our pilgrimage to the manger throne! Thank God for the faith which sees the Invisible and conquers with invincible mind and tender heart what armor of proof and hideous cannon cannot touch, triumphing over fear and bringing in the love which casts out fear! A little while ago we sang "Joy to the world;" and before the strains had died on our lips, other congregations had taken up the notes, and the sun travelling westward is girdling the planet with a burst of joyous song, leaving no moment of the day but somewhere some part of the great congregation of God's people on earth is giving glad praise to the King who reached a baby hand from the manger of Bethlehem to bless and save the world.

We are glad that our feet are turned this day to the city of David, that our voices join in the angel song, that

"Like a mighty army moves the church of God"

and that we are a part of the great host who sing and pray as they journey onward in answer to the call from the King.

But what of the things which hold men back? There are insistent calls to delay. Love of ease whispers, "Where so many are going, you need not trouble. Why not just enjoy yourself?" That is what so many do enjoy—just themselves! No vision of joy eternal, no sense of an angel song, no heart of sympathy, no longing to join others in unselfish service!

Then Pride speaks saying, "You are all right as you are. Why hasten on this fool's errand? For weaklings it may be well but for you—"

Blind fatalism reminds us that there has always been sin and sorrow and death in the world, and reasons that they will always be here. Every effort to eliminate these things has failed in the past. As things are, so will they be. Why then sweat and toil and make fools of ourselves with a senseless dream of joy to the world and good will among its people?

Lazy self indulgence, more fanatical than faith could ever be, says, "God is with us right or wrong. If we do not go to Bethlehem, He will bring Bethlehem to us. There is no need of haste. God is too good to condemn us in any case."

Oh the lies, and the half lies which meet the pilgrims of the Infinite as they turn to the City of the King! How easy to fill eyes and ears with other things so that one neither sees the splendor nor hears the song!

But here is a man of hard and bitter face, and he says "I will not go to your Bethlehem because the whole thing is a failure. The sage old story has been told for twenty centuries, and what better is the world for the telling? I can take you this very day to places where vice festers, where manhood is sin and womanhood is shame and childhood has no voice but a curse, I can show you where men prey on men and coin heart's blood into money. I can take you to a country where Bedlam rules in public life, to a whole continent which is one awful camp of destruction, where men live in caves and children cry for bread, where cannon spit volcanoes of wrath, and blood flows in streams and no human right is sacred—and all this not in the heat of passion or resentment of wrong but in deliberate and organized murder, on a scale the whole earth never knew before."

Can we say anything to this? Years ago when this nation was wrecked in fratricidal strife, a poet sang—

"I heard the bells on Christmas day
Their old familiar carols play,
And wild and sweet
Those words repeat,
Of peace on earth, good will to men.

"And thought how, as the day had come,
The belfries of all Christendom
Had rolled along
The unbroken song
Of peace on earth, good will to men."

Then the poet's heart became discouraged as he thought of the sound of cannon drowning out the song of peace, of hate and strife which mocked its meaning. But there came a vision of war conquering war, of God enthroned above the battle smoke, teaching men the futility of hate and preparing their voices for holy melodies of love, "beautiful as the songs of the immortals." Then amid the awful clamor, he caught the sound of the angel song echoing on:

"Then pealed the bells more loud and deep:
God is not dead, nor doth He sleep!
The Wrong shall fail,
The Right prevail,
With peace on earth, good will to men."

So, fellow pilgrims of the Bethlehem trail, suppose for a moment that there were no angel song at all, no shining star, no glory in the sky, no path on earth to the manger throne of the King! Who then would carry the light to earth's dark places, who would be touched by its sorrow and wrong, who would bear its burdens, and put strength in its heart?

It is sad, indeed, to think of earth's wrong and sin and ignorance—awful shadows on its brightness—even when some one cares, when even a million voiced chorus chants the song of peace and good will. But suppose no one cared, no heart held the message of hope, no loving lips spoke it forth, would not that be worse still? Every shadow pays tribute to the light, for a world all dark would have no shadows and none to see them. Let us then thank God for the shadows, even the darkest ones, since they show the presence of the brightest light. Let us pray that we may be led through the shadows to the everlasting light; and, going to Him who is the Light of the world, with hearts true and confident in him, we will still sing as we journey, and so dispel all the darkness we can, and conquer all the shadows we meet. Far better this, than to try to conquer the shadows by refusing the Light!

And those homesick boys in Europe, fighting their countries' battles, will be singing in the trenches this week the familiar Christmas carols of their own home lands. In the German camps there will be the "Crusader's Hymn," and "Silent Night; Holy Night!" There may even be Christmas trees and little home gifts from faraway loved ones. In the English lines there will be greetings of "Merry Christmas," familiar carols, and hymns that we know and love. The devastations and horror of war cannot quench these things. Above the war cloud shines the peace of heaven, and over the stricken earth still echoes on the song of the angels. God rules and the world is being driven closer to him by the times through which we are passing.

"Let us now go even to Bethlehem." Can we go in better company, for a better purpose, by a better way? We go together to see the King as the shepherds and the magi once went:

Is he our King? Is he your King? I would that each flinty and indifferent heart might answer the old call, Coming to the manger throne, Jesus is King and Lord of all. He changed the shame of the Cross and made it a token of glory and honor and immortality. From the throne of Bethlehem and of Calvary, He has gone to the throne of the skies. Let us follow him in the way of sacrifice and service and faith to the crowning that he is making ready. The innocence, the beauty, the royal worth of the child of Bethlehem challenge us to be worthy of the honor and fellowship He offers.

We look in vain for any magic in rehearsing the old story. The magic comes in its ever new application to the human heart. Christ in Bethlehem was the angels' song. Christ in our hearts is our hope and perpetual song.

"O holy child of Bethlehem,
Descend to us we pray!
Cast out our sin and enter in;
Be born in us today."

For, however beautiful the old, old, story—

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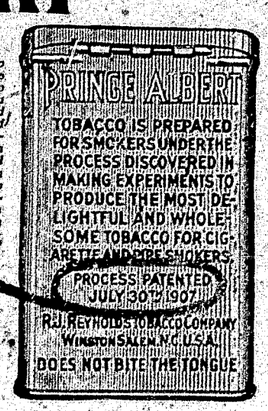

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THE NATIONAL CAPITAL.

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coming worse every week must be clear to everyone who is obliged to husband their financial resources. Emphasis of this fact is found in the National Capital itself where the number of robberies and hold-ups have been greater during the past month than during any previous time in history. The Department of Justice, the Federal Trade Commission, and other branches of the Federal Government are reaching out in the direction of some of the men who have been unwarrantedly boosting prices; and it is to be expected that they will make it very hot for a few operators who have a corner on certain products. However, it is not to be expected that punitive punishment at this time will succeed in reaching the underlying conditions. America has been getting its profits from the bodies and souls of the European nations, and the time has come, as Robert W. Service relates in his great poem, when this country must "pay the bill." Many proposals have been laid before Congress, and an attempt is being made in many directions to get at the root of the evils and difficulties.

WHAT'S THE MATTER WITH FARMING?

The Federal Farm Loan Board has been attacking fundamentals. Its members have been attempting to find out "what's the matter with farming?" With that end in view, they have traveled far and wide, examining into conditions in different parts of the country. Following the personal examination of conditions in different parts of the country, the Board has returned to Washington and has been "getting down to brass tacks" in making arrangements for the organization of local loan associations throughout the country. The work has progressed to such an extent that local organizations are now being formed and arrangements are being perfected so that actual farmers will in a short time be able to get money at six per cent.

GREAT IS TEXARKANA.

Senator Morris Sheppard of Texas, lives in Texarkana. He is so close to the State line that Texarkana, Arkansas bumps up against his Texas three blocks away. Senator Sheppard's "Cousin Bill," otherwise known as the Honorable William F. Kirby, has made arrangements with the voters of Arkansas to permit him to wear a Senatorial handle to his own name. Senator Sheppard of Texarkana, Texas, gave a sort of coming out party to Senator Kirby of Texarkana, Arkansas, in Washington the other evening. If there is anything to the theory that local pull has a bearing on legislative appropriations, then little old Texarkana ought to be able to draw down a Government post-office building, a military reservation, a little dry ditch digging under the guise of river and harbor improvements, and—O, good heavens, think of the quantities of free seeds that will be coming to the place.

THE RESURRECTION OF BRYAN.

Colonel William Jennings Bryan has been "a dead one" so many times that he doesn't mind it any more. A big dinner has been given in his honor in Washington, and there has been a scrambling among Democrats lest they might lose step with the "Peerless One." The Democratic leaders browsed among the brambles in every corner of the country in the early fall, but with the reopening of Congress, Washington is again headquarters of political activity and discussion. Colonel Bryan, it is admitted, was one of the biggest factors in the campaign. His work in behalf of President Wilson undoubtedly had a very far-reaching effect.

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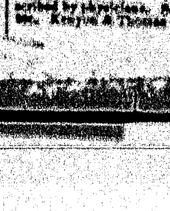

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The big snow storm of Friday and Saturday last blocked all roads so that but few people got into town on Saturday. The Andover stage did not get through for the day, and mails were delayed from one hour to one hour and a half. All freight trains were cancelled for the day. Normal conditions were resumed on Sunday.

TEACH YOUR CHILD THE VALUE OF MONEY.

Economy is not a pleasant thing, and when one thinks of it in connection with children it seems more unpleasant than ever.

"I want my children to have a good time while they are young," one mother said not long ago. "Heaven knows the time is short enough before they grow older and will have to scrimp and save."

And she didn't see the short-sightedness of this policy! It is all very well to wish children to enjoy their childhood, and any woman with a real mother's heart will do all in her power to make the shortlived period a pleasant one, but why teach a child extravagant habits in its youth which in later years must be curbed? A policy such as this can result only in unhappiness, unfitting the little one for its future existence.

Few children are born with a golden spoon in their mouths; most of us, it might be said, have to be contented with tin ones. Why, then, encourage the little boy or girl to a mode of living far beyond its actual circumstances, give to him in his youth extravagant luxuries which must be denied in adolescence?

The French mother has learned the lesson that real thrift can be taught only in youth, that the man or woman who practices practical economy has learned how to do it in the days of childhood. From the time her child is old enough to understand she teaches him habits of thrift, impresses on his mind the folly of spending all and saving nothing. In this way he learns how to economize naturally and when he grows older it does not come hard.

How different is the training given by many American mothers! From the very beginning the little boy or girl, even though he or she happens to be born in poor circumstances, is showered with toys his parents can barely afford. Every sacrifice is made to give the child advantages and luxuries. The result is that the babies, growing into childhood, and later into young man and womanhood, look upon themselves as privileged persons, for whom sacrifices should be made, for whom circumstances should be shaped to make life pleasant. Extravagant habits and ideas of living are thus formed which are almost impossible to break later on in life.

Instill a respect for money values into the minds of your son and daughter. Teach them to put aside a small per cent of their pennies into a bank, the whole to go toward a savings fund in a big bank some day. You have no idea how much interest they will take in this proceeding if you put it to the little boy or girl in the form of a game. And later, when the youngster reaches his first trip to the big bank, he will have a responsibility he has never before known.

Teach your child to be satisfied with simple things, to take pleasure in simple toys and simple amusements. A set of marbles or a rubber ball will give a child, not satiated with an over abundance of gifts, just as much pleasure as a miniature motor car or any of the other extravagant toys now made for children. One doll is quite as good as half a dozen, and will give the little girl as many moments of happiness as a big doll family. Teach the children to be moderate in their demands, to find satisfaction in the pleasures their parents can afford to give them.—Exchange.

WEST PARIS

The 3-act drama, "Daddy," will be presented under the auspices of the Good Will Society at Grange Hall, Tuesday, evening by Mechanic Falls talent. This play was presented last week at the Universalist Society's sale at Mechanic Falls and is pronounced excellent by those who saw it.

Rev. D. A. Ball attended the funeral of a former parishioner at Mechanic Falls, Tuesday.

Miss Alice Barden went to Waterville, Thursday. Miss Barden goes to Waterville every fortnight for vocal lessons, returning to Norway, Saturday, where she sings every Sunday in the Congregational and Universalist churches.

Hezekiah Farrar visited his sister at Sumner last week.

The entertainment given by the Epworth League at Centennial Hall, Friday evening was very pleasing. A good number were out and a good time.

Mrs. D. A. Ball attended a Sunday school board meeting at Auburn, Monday.

Mr. and Mrs. H. W. Welch returned Friday from a three weeks' visit with Mrs. Welch's relatives in Carrabassett.

Miss Diana Wall was called to her home in Rockport, Friday morning by the illness of her mother. Miss Flint, the high school assistant, took charge during the day. Friday afternoon all the schools closed for two weeks' vacation and the teachers went to their homes.

Rev. and Mrs. D. A. Ball attended the Universalist sale and entertainment at Mechanic Falls, Thursday.

E. F. Barrows has purchased Lendall Yates' meat business. He took possession Thursday morning.

The Universalist Sunday School have invited the other two Sunday Schools to unite with them for the observance of Christmas. A Christmas tree and some exercises at Centennial Hall Friday evening, Dec. 22, and a union Christmas service in the Universalist church Sunday evening, Dec. 24.

Monday morning Bert Lang, who lives on a farm in Woodstock, about 1 1-2 miles from West Paris, drove to the village with his horse and when loading grain into his sleigh at Fifield's mill the high wind blew the buffalo and cushion onto the horse frightening it so badly that it ran down the track and when about a half mile from Snow's Falls was run over and killed by the west bound forenoon passenger train. The horse was a good family horse and the only one that Mr. Lang had and the loss is very hard for him.

Mr. and Mrs. Harold Dunham of Brattleboro, Vt., arrived Saturday to spend the holidays with relatives.

Mrs. Elvesa Dennen went to Woodstock Wednesday to spend two months with her niece, Mrs. E. B. Davis. Mrs. Dennen will close her home.

HANOVER.

S. P. Davis is hauling stove wood to Rumford.

Mrs. Gene Holt recently had a nine months old pig killed which tipped the scales at 375 pounds, when dressed. Who can beat that?

Charles Moore has finished work for Smith Bros., and gone to New Hampshire, scaling.

The ferry boat was taken out Dec. 16.

A. C. Wight is so he shoes his usual number of horses.

John Morse had the misfortune to stick a barbed wire staple in the back of his hand.

Duncan McPhearson is driving his father's team in the woods at Andover.

Mrs. Robert Thurston has been visiting her sister, Mrs. Elson Hammond.

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MASON.

Fred Wheeler of Bethel was in town, Thursday and Friday of last week, hunting.

The snow storm and wind blow which commenced last Friday proved to be one of the worst blockades for several years. The mail man was unable to reach town, Saturday.

Miss Jordan, who was called home by the death of her aunt last week, returned Tuesday.

Ralph Cushing had the good fortune to shoot a deer last week.

John Westleigh was in Lewiston on business one day recently.

Harry and Wallis Blanchard started for their home in Newark, N. J., Saturday.

Go to Miss Stearns' for Fancy White Aprons. Adv.

ANDOVER

Mrs. F. E. Leslie, Mrs. Roger Thurston and Mrs. C. B. Newton attended Mt. Zircon Chapter, O. E. S., Tuesday evening of last week at Rumford.

Tracy Pierce of So. Paris is working in the woods for H. H. Morton.

Ray Thurston, who spent a few days last week at home, returned to his camps at Aziscoos, Sunday.

The Ladies' Aid of the Congregational church met Wednesday, Dec. 13, with Mrs. C. A. Rand.

Edward York of Bethel is driving team at Aziscoos for the Thurston Bros.

Ralph Hewey, who is attending school at Brunswick, is spending his vacation with his parents, John K. Hewey and wife.

The King's Daughters Association will hold its annual meeting, Thursday, Jan. 4.

Mrs. Edward Akers, who has been very ill, is slowly gaining.

Mrs. Y. A. Thurston was in Lewiston, Friday of last week.

R. L. Melcher and daughter, Evelyn, of Rumford, were in town, recently. Miss Melcher, who is a teacher in a high school at Butte, Montana, is visiting her parents at Rumford.

The heavy fall of snow Friday and Saturday accompanied by a high wind made huge drifts in the road and the Andover and Rumford stage could not get to Andover, Saturday with the mail.

The Sunday school children will give a Christmas concert at the Congregational church, Sunday evening.

Lone Mt. Grange will have a Christmas tree, Saturday, Dec. 23, at the hall. A baked bean and pastry dinner will be served by the committee.

George Ernest was around town, driving his automobile, Sunday, Dec. 17.

Road Commissioner Howard was out with his men, breaking roads, Sunday and Monday.

Mrs. Ralph Thurston, who was elected delegate to the State Grange at Bangor, started for Frye, Monday morning, but was called home by the serious illness of Mr. Thurston.

Vivian Learned is working for Mrs. Bert Dunn.

Y. A. Thurston purchased a pair of work horses in Lewiston, Tuesday.

WEST PERU.

Esbjorn Wiken has taken the agency for the Direct Importing Co., and drives out with his team, taking orders and delivering them two days each week.

Chas. Eastman, R. F. D. carrier, did not make all of his route on Saturday, as some of the roads were drifted.

Mr. and Mrs. Lowell Shaw of Buckfield have come to live with her father, J. C. Wyman. Mr. Shaw will work for Stowell at Dixfield.

U. S. DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE'S HISTORY.

Interesting Facts Connected with Inception and Evolution of Department of Agriculture.

The following facts regarding the development of the statutes under which the department has come to occupy its present broad field are taken from a brief statutory history of the United States Department of Agriculture prepared by Francis G. Caffey, Solicitor of the department and published in Case and Comment. This history since has been republished by the department as an unnumbered circular.

Anticipatory Period.

For about 60 years subsequent to the Revolution the general interests of agriculture were left almost entirely to individual initiative. Federal activity was confined to relatively narrow limits, and was merely sporadic. There was no Committee on Agriculture in the House until 1820, nor in the Senate until 1825.

Shortly after the Revolution, following the example of Franklin while in England as agent of the colony of Pennsylvania during the years 1764 to 1775, American consuls and naval officers commenced the custom of sending home foreign seeds and cuttings for new crops, and of aiding in the introduction into the United States of new breeds of domestic animals. Even such small governmental participation was, in the beginning, rather extra-official.

From an early date after its acquisition, the public domain was availed of as a means of benefiting agriculture. In 1817 Congress provided for the allotment of certain lands, within what was then known as the Mississippi Territory, to French immigrants for the purpose of promoting the cultivation of the vine and the olive. In 1838, in recognition of services in introducing useful tropical plants into the United States, rendered by Henry Perrine, Congress granted to him and his associates a body of land in the southern extremity of the peninsula of east Florida, for the propagation and cultivation of such plants.

In 1836 the Commissioner of Patents, independently of his office, assumed the responsibility of accepting contributions of new and valuable seeds and of distributing them among farmers throughout the country, and in his report to Congress urged the creation of a depository to receive and dispense articles of this kind. The indebtness of the people to this official for his activities along these lines has never been fully recognized, and overstatement of it would be difficult.

Preliminary Period.

In 1839 Congress made an appropriation of $1,000 for "the collection of agricultural statistics, and for other agricultural purposes." A similar item was included in the appropriations for the fiscal years 1842 and 1844, and has been repeated annually ever since the latter date. The act of 1839 was the earliest statute containing even a suggestion of comprehensive dealing with the subject of agriculture by the Federal Government.

Formative Period.

While the department was under the direction of a Commissioner the work became so enlarged and varied that it was necessary to divide it into distinct units. In 1880 Congress created six divisions—chemical, seed, entomological, statistical, microscopical, and botanical—in addition to the office of the Commissioner, the experimental garden and grounds, laboratory, museum, and library.

In 1884 a bureau of animal industry was created.

The first appropriation for investigations on forestry subjects was made in 1876. In 1886 a division of forestry was formed to carry on this work.

Expansive Period.

In 1889 the department became an executive department, having at its head a Secretary, who occupies a place in the President's Cabinet. Its functions have grown to such an extent that now they touch almost all lines of agricultural endeavor of general interest to the citizens of the United States, as well as other lines of activity related to agriculture.

The units of organization of the department have been changed from time to time, to meet growing conditions, and, as at present recognized by Congress, are 16, composed of 10 bureaus, including the Forest Service and the States Relations Service, 4 offices, 2 divisions, and the library.

HEN DROPPINGS A VALUABLE MANURE.

Methods of Handling to Prevent Loss.

The following was made public recently by Charles D. Woods, director of the Maine Agricultural Experiment Station at the University of Maine:

Some years ago the Maine Agricultural Experiment Station made experiments on adding materials to the droppings from hens in order to find what additions would tend to conserve the manure. These results were published in bulletin form. The bulletin has been out of print for several years. A condensed summary was published in this series of letters years ago. As the inquiry how to best handle hen droppings is still frequently received the results of the experiments and condensed directions for handling hen manure are again briefly stated.

The dung of fowls contains, in addition to the undigested residue from the food, the excrement from the kidneys and is, therefore much more nitrogenous than that of other domestic animals. Most of the nitrogen is in the form of uric acid and is very readily available to growing plants. It is, however, very quickly changed by putrefaction into carbonate of ammonia. As ordinarily stored much of the nitrogenous matters of hen manure go off into the air as ammonia gas and are lost. For the purpose of the experiment the droppings from roost closets from 180 mature laying hens were collected each morning for three days' period. Each lot of droppings, equivalent to the droppings from 540 hens from one night, weighed about 45 pounds. Eight different lots were treated as follows: One lot was mixed with 27 pounds of kainit, another with 40 pounds of plaster, another with 24 pounds of acid phosphate, another with 15 pounds of kiln dried sawdust, and each of three others with 15 pounds of sawdust to which were added in one case 54 pounds of kainit, in another 82 pounds of plaster and in another 47 pounds of acid phosphate. These lots were put in barrels and stored in a room in one of the barns from May to November. They were weighed and sampled in November. The three nights droppings carried originally about 1.25 pounds of nitrogen. From the dung stored by itself or with sawdust more than half of this escaped during the summer. The lot stored with 40 pounds of plaster lost about one-third, while the lot stored with 82 pounds of plaster and sawdust suffered no loss. The lots with kainit and acid phosphate both with and without sawdust, retained practically all of the nitrogen. Both because of the danger of loss and its tendency to form into hard lumps plaster is less desirable than either of the chemicals tried. The addition of sawdust materially improved the mechanical condition of the lots.

The droppings during the day time upon the floor are difficult to save from waste. When the floors are covered with straw or other dry absorbents there is likely to be considerable mechanical loss in the form of dust and otherwise. The readily decomposable urates will probably break up even faster than in the case of dung stored without chemicals, so that a very considerable part of the nitrogen of the day dung is probably lost for agricultural purposes.

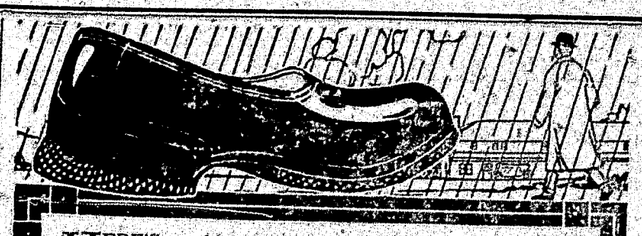
According to the last report of the State assessors there are about 2,000,000 hens, ducks and geese in Maine. The total droppings from these would aggregate 75,000 tons of which about 30,000 tons will fall upon the roosting boards and can be readily collected and properly cared for.

By itself or with the additions of ordinary non-fertilizing absorbents such as plaster or sawdust or loam, hen dung is a one-sided nitrogenous fertilizer. As usually managed, one-half or more of its nitrogen is lost, so that as ordinarily used it does not carry so great an excess of nitrogen. Because of its high nitrogen content if properly stored it is more economically used in connection with manures carrying phosphoric acid and potash. As both acid phosphate and kainit prevent the loss of nitrogen it is possible to use them in connection with sawdust, or some other dry material as an absorbent, so as to make a well-balanced fertilizer.

The night droppings from 100 hens will weigh about eight pounds. If this is mixed with 3 pounds of dry sawdust, dry peat, dry loam or other dry absorbent, 4 pounds of acid phosphate and 2 pounds of kainit and kept in a dry place there will be no loss of fertilizing ingredients and will be in a good mechanical condition for use. Such a mixture would carry about 1.25 per cent. nitrogen, 4.5 per cent. phosphoric acid and 2 per cent. potash. And when used at the rate of two tons per acre would furnish 50 pounds of nitrogen, 185 pounds of phosphoric acid and 80 pounds of potash, or sufficient to grow a liberal field crop. Because of their mechanical condition the goods cannot be well used with machinery and, therefore, are better adapted to garden purposes than for fields.

The absorbent and the chemicals should be kept conveniently at hand. The droppings should be treated each day when collected. The manure absorbent and chemicals should be weighed a few times after which it will be easy to make sufficiently close estimates by measure.

The treated droppings should be well sheltered until it is time to apply them to the land. The station built a water tight cement building with wooden roof for this purpose. In the end this is cheaper than any other form of structure. Any small wooden building or a bin in a larger building can be used. The essential things are: the immediate mixing of the absorbents and chemicals with the manure and keeping the mixture dry until it is used on the land.



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WEST GREENWOOD.

Jim Deegan has gone to Massachusetts for the winter.

Mr. and Mrs. Wiggins, who have been visiting her sister, Mrs. C. K. Cross of Howe Hill, returned to their home in Sanford, Friday.

Stephen Hadakin is visiting his parents for a few weeks.

Alfred Leighton of Albany called at Mr. Jones' last week.

Mrs. John Kennagh was calling on friends and relatives out of town a few days last week.

Mrs. Annie Emery of Howe Hill went to visit her daughter, Mrs. Henry Douglass of Portland, Monday. She will spend the Christmas holidays with her.

Mrs. Jake Holt, who is visiting at Jim Kimball's of Albany, called at W. A. Holt's, recently.

Martin Lydon spent a few days of last week out of town, visiting friends and relatives.

Go to Miss Stearns' for Fancy White Aprons. Adv.

MAINE COLLEGE OF AGRICULTURE TO GIVE SHORT WINTER COURSES.

The College of Agriculture of the State University at Orono announces that short courses in Dairying, General Agriculture, Horticulture and Poultry Keeping will be given this year as usual during the months of January and February. The courses in dairying and general agriculture open Monday evening, January 8, and run for four weeks, and the courses in horticulture and poultry open February 5 and continue for three weeks.

These courses are free, the students having to pay only for railroad fare, room and meals. The courses are given by means of lectures, discussions and actual practice work in the subjects taught. The work is concentrated and deals in a practical manner with matters directly connected with the problems of the farming business. They are open to both men and women, and will prove a profitable investment to any person who may desire to make a thoroughly practical and concentrated study of such subjects as soils, soil fertility, fertilizers, adaptation of fertilizers to crop needs, cropping systems adapted to farming in Maine, care, feeding and breeding of farm animals, figuring and compounding of dairy rations, testing milk, ripening cream, making butter, managing an orchard, growing small fruits, incubation, rearing chicks, feeding for egg production, poultry house construction, and the marketing of farm products.

A bulletin has just been issued which tells all about the short courses. This will be sent to any person on request.

The early edition catches the bookworm.

The Home Circle

Pleasant Reveries—A Column Dedicated to Tired Mothers as they join the Home Circle at Evening Tide

THE ART OF RECEIVING CHRISTMAS GIFTS.

Berta Hart Nance.

Once more Christmas is at hand. The twelve long months have somehow managed to take wings to themselves while we worked and slept. There was the springtide, it seems but yesterday, when the flowers looked a bit strange, we had not seen any for so long and the birds fairly went mad with joy. But Christmas, somehow, we are never quite ready for it. It has a way of stealthily approaching, and while we still feel that it is a long way off, a look at the calendar makes us fairly gasp.

Only a few more days. Well, well! The joyful preparations will begin. The house will be shining from top to bottom and none but the brave and the initiated will know just exactly what that means. Then the decorating; we will hang the holly and mistletoe with a right good-will while from the direction of the kitchen comes a whiff, but such a whiff; let's go and take a sniff. Only a few more days and Christmas, with its hurry and bustle and kindly smiles and handshakes and underlying spirit of good-will that steals through everything; Christmas, with those memories of other days, how sad, but oh, how infinitely dear, will have really arrived.

Then a pause; the preparations are over; the presents are all bestowed. All our lives we have heard that it is more blessed to give than to receive; somehow we do not think much about how we receive our gifts; we just take things, sometimes we take them for granted. So many of the gifts are things that we do not want anyway; things that we cannot use; things that the givers would have chosen for themselves. How are we going to receive them? Here are a few ways not to do it.

Once there was a man whose wife made for him a tobacco pouch for a Christmas present. She spent some time upon its construction. He needed something of the kind and afterwards used it for a long time. But, when she presented it that Christmas morning and stood there, with her eyes shining and waited for his to light up, he merely grunted and growled: "What do you suppose I want with that thing?" Was that to hide his really grateful sensations, do you suppose? Let us hope so.

Then there was the woman whose daughter gave her a water pitcher. Of course glasses generally go with such pitchers, but the girl did not know it or had not thought about it. But the mother talked about those missing glasses until the girl wished she had never thought of the pitcher.

Then there is the person who takes your offering and turns it over and over and under and looks for every possible flaw and then stiffly begins to thank you. Somehow you have the feeling that about one-half of that person's mind is over in China or somewhere and you can not help feeling uncomfortable.

I think I will pass over the story of the man whose wife's relations gave them a set of silver knives and forks for a wedding present. If he did insert one of the knives into a convenient crack in the wall and snap the knife in two to find out if it was solid silver, let us hope that he was merely an honest seeker after information. For this is a Christmas article, dear people, and I really believe that we honestly do the best we can when it comes to receiving our gifts. For, really and truly, to receive a gift properly is an art and a fine art.

Now, of course, in the rare instances in which we have longed and longed for something quite beyond our reach and some kind clairvoyant of a friend has divined the wish of our heart and given us the moon for a Christmas present, we need think little of the fine art of receiving. Spontaneous joy needs no apology. But it is in the very nature of things that this sort of thing can happen but rarely. And what about the huge green cake plate ornamented with blue roses which the donor will be so disappointed if we do not keep on the sideboard. Worst of all, what about the books we receive which we have read before and the music of which we have duplicate copies. Now where is the fine art of receiving?

Once I knew a very old man, an Englishman. He was a jolly fellow, who had been a sailor, and he was very poor, but he had a great many friends. To him a gift was a sort of sacred thing. "It is a gift," he would say proudly, his fine old face fairly beaming with appreciation, and with the same appreciation, whether the gift were a tiny bouquet of blossoms from old Mrs. Haggerty, or a suit of clothes from the Judge on the hill. Nor did he value one a whit more than the other. Both were gifts, and it was the spirit back of them which he considered. Surely this is the essence of the fine art of receiving.

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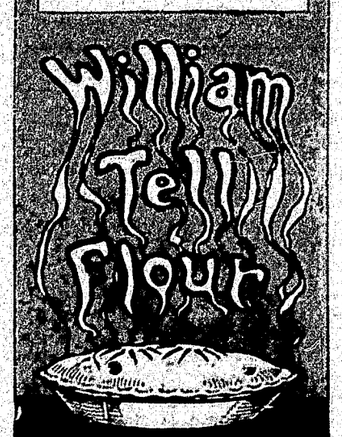

MARRIAGE RATE HIGH.

Androscoggin Leads Other Counties. Dr. Young Issues Vital Statistics.

The annual report of Dr. A. G. Young of Augusta, registrar of vital statistics, filed with the governor and council, shows that there were 16,731 births in Maine during the past year, 323 more than in the preceding year, 6,707 marriages, 85 more than in the preceding year, and 11,648 deaths, 96 more than in the preceding year.

The number of living children born during the year was 15,080 and the number of stillbirths was 751. Of the whole number of living children of which the sex was certified, 8,160 were males and 7,813 were females. The birth-rate of living children for the state was 20.91 for each 1,000 of population. The average birth-rate in the cities per 1,000 population was 21.34 as compared with 20.68 for the rest of the state.

The birth rate of the different counties varies widely. As it invariably has been every year since the registration began, it was the highest in Aroostook 31.50, and the lowest in Knox, 14.63. In four counties, Androscoggin, Aroostook, Oxford and Washington, the birth rate was above that of the whole state.

The marriage rate was higher in Androscoggin county than elsewhere in the state, it being for that county 10.14 per 1,000 population. The lowest marriage rate was in Hancock county in which there was a statement of birthplace, in 71.84 per cent the groom and bride were both American; in 0.52 per cent both were of foreign birth.

The largest number, both of grooms and brides, was between 20 and 25 years of age. While still under 15 years of age, 22 brides were married; in the age period, 15 to 20 years, there were 378 grooms and 1,936 brides; in the period, 20 to 25 years, 2,537 men and 2,409 women were married; from 25 to 30 years, 1,756 men and 1,032 women; from 30 to 35 years, 720 men and 448 women; from 35 to 40 years, 442 men and 281 women; from 45 to 50 years, 167 men and 136 women; from 50 to 55 years, 140 men and 95 women; from 55 to 60 years, 117 men and 63 women; from 60 to 70 years, 118 men and 51 women; from 70 to 80 years, 36 men and seven women; 80 years and over, five men and one woman.

One thousand and thirty divorces were decreed in Maine during the past year, one divorce to every six marriages solemnized, some of the causes for which divorces were granted were adultery, 155 or 15 per cent of the whole number; desertion, 140, or 13.6 per cent; intoxication, 106, or 9.8 per cent; cruel and abusive treatment, 39.5 or 38.2 per cent; non-support 29, or 2.8 per cent. The other divorces were granted for multiple or associated causes.

The wife was the libellant in 158 divorces and the husband in 292; in the divorces granted for adultery, the husband was the libellant 93 times and the wife 62 times; for desertion, the husband was the libellant 63 times and the wife 77 times.

The lowest death rate was in Piscataquis county, being 11.01 per cent. The counties of Aroostook, Franklin, Hancock, Oxford, Piscataquis, Somerset and Washington had lower death rates than that of the whole state, while the counties of Androscoggin, Cumberland, Kennebec, Knox, Penobscot, Sagadahock, Waldo and York had death rates larger than that of the state. The highest county death rate was that of Lincoln, 17.97 per cent.

A white lie is seldom as white as it is painted.

POEMS WORTH READING

A CHRISTMAS PRAYER FOR THE HOME.

By Henry Van Dyke.

Lord, look upon our family,
Kneeling together before Thee,
And grant us a holy, happy Christmas Day.

With loving hearts we bless Thee:
For the gift of Thy dear Son Jesus Christ,
For the peace He brings to human homes,
For the good-will He teaches to sinful men,
For the glory of Thy goodness shining in His face.

With joyful voice we praise Thee:
For His lowly birth and His rest in the manger,
For the pure tenderness of His mother Mary,
For the fatherly care that protected Him, and
For the Providence that saved the Holy Child
To be the Saviour of the world.

With deep desire, we beseech Thee,
Help us to keep His birthday truly, in this household,
And answer, for His sake, these our Christmas prayers.

From the sickness of sin and the darkness of doubt,
From selfish pleasures and sullen pains,
From the frost of pride and the fever of envy
God save us every one, this day, through the blessing of Jesus.

In the health of purity and the calm of mutual trust,
In the sharing of joy and the bearing of trouble,
In the steady glow of love and the clear light of hope,
God keep us every one, this day, by the blessings of Jesus.

In praying and praising, in giving and receiving,
In eating and drinking, in singing and making merry,
In parents' gladness and in children's mirth,
In dear memories of those who have departed,
In good comradeship with those who are here,
In kind wishes for those who are far away,
In patient waiting, sweet contentment, generous cheer,
God bless us every one, this day, with the blessing of Jesus.

By remembering our kinship with all men,
By well-wishing, friendly speaking and kindly doing,
By cheering the downcast and adding sunshine to daylight,
By welcoming strangers (poor shepherds or wise men),
By keeping the music of the angels' song in this home,
God help us every one to spread abroad the blessing of Jesus:
In whose name we keep Christmas:
And in whose words we Thy children pray together:
Our Father which are in Heaven, hallowed be Thy name.

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SANTA CLAUS' LETTER.

With faces close pressed to the window
To catch the last glimmer of light,
Crowded Robbie and little Ella
For they had a letter to write.

But he never came near to their dwelling
And their teardrops spattered the pane
As they thought of those Christmas mornings
And the empty stockings again.

"Did you know dear Santa" wrote Robbie,
"That father has gone off to sea,
And mother to live with the angels
And left only Ella and me?

"And we live in nurse Rhoda's cottage
The little one under the hill,
And we hope dear Santa you'll stop there
We're hoping and hoping you will.

"For we always hang up our stockings
And we think if you know the way
You'll come as you used to do Christmas
Before ever they went away.

"And we lived in the home in the city
Where the chimney was large and tall
And was made on purpose so Santa
Could get down with presents for all.

"But this is a much smaller chimney
Than any of those in the town,
And if you can't climb it dear Santa
Do please throw the Christmas things down.

"For Ella she wants a wax dolly
That will open and shut her eyes
And a dress and nightgown and bonnet
And spring to press down when she cries.

"And oh! I want something for Christmas
That's painted bright blue or red,
With a cushion and shiny runners
And a name—you'll know—it's a sled.

"And Rhoda she needs some new flannels—
She went without all of last year
To buy us some boots and some stockings
And it took all her money I fear.

"And she sews and sews so to keep us
And is growing so lame the while—
She never has time to be jolly,
And feels most too sick now to smile.

"O Santa do steer your fleet reindeer
A little way out of your track,
And find if you can the Arabella
And then send our lost father back.

"And tell him that tho' they all said so
I just know that he couldn't be drowned
And somewhere, oh! somewhere was certain
The good ship at last would be found."

Then the letter was put up the chimney
And the very next day had gone forth,
As the children believed on its journey
To Santa Claus' home in the north.

But Rhoda had found the letter,
Poor Rhoda! oh what should she do;
She smuggled it off in her pocket
And 'twas lost in the deacon's pew.

And the note was read from the pulpit
And many a gray head was bowed,
While the minister wiped his glasses
And the little ones sobbed aloud.

And the hearts of the congregation
Moved by feelings so intense,
Took in the lesson of Christmas
In a broader and higher sense.

And Robbie and Ella and Rhoda
And the poor of the village, too,
Rejoiced because of the letter
That was lost in the deacon's pew.

And that night by the Christmas firelight
As they counted their treasures in glee
There came a far-clad stranger
Just home from the Arctic sea.

And Robbie cried out, "O father,
I just knew you would come, because,
While Ella still hugging her dolly
Shouted joyfully Santa Claus!"
Boston Transcript. A. H. C.

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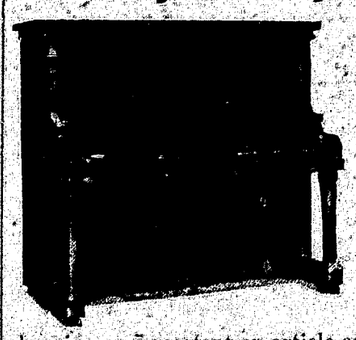

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CHAIRMAN H. B. AUSTIN FINDS THAT BEAVERS HELP FISHING.

Hon. Harry H. Austin, chairman of the Maine Commission of Inland Fisheries and Game, in a recent interview called attention to a statement made in a former interview regarding the increasing number of beaver in Maine being the advantage to the fishing resources of the State. Chairman Austin is much interested to learn, through interviews and reports from many camp proprietors, guides and wardens that everything indicates the truth of his statement in regard to the immense benefit these interesting little animals are proving to be, in the line of fish conservation.

There is one section in Penobscot county, much resorted to by sportsmen, which has had heretofore practically no trout fishing, owing to the fact that while this particular region abounds in lakes and ponds, these waters are inhabited by pickerel and brooks flowing into and from these ponds were too small to afford suitable water for trout. A few years ago a colony of beaver began operations in this section and within a short time these small brooks were dammed up and now countless little ponds are found which contain large numbers of trout, and to the waters of that vicinity sportsmen in ever increasing numbers will come to avail themselves of the excellent trout fishing, which only a few years ago did not exist there. Thus the beaver should be credited for really creating a new resource in the State. In addition to the creation of many ponds which became the home of many trout, millions of gallons of water which would otherwise go to waste, are held by these dams in storage and brooks which in usual seasons run dry or practically so during the summer months are now afforded a good flow of water during the dry season.

If the beaver in Maine are allowed to increase in the next few years as they should be, it is quite natural to suppose that the great increase in water storage will make itself generally felt throughout the great watersheds of the State, and no man can say what great increase of power resources may be given by the work of these industrious animals.

It is the opinion of Chairman Austin that the increase in the number of beaver has helped in some measure, which will hereafter be much more appreciated than at the present time, to neutralize a condition which the deforestation of the past 50 years has brought about as regards the volume of the State's water storage. While beaver in a few instances have caused damage to timberlands by the flowage of some valuable timber, the great good they have already accomplished along the lines above mentioned has been of great value to the State. Anyone who has made a study of these interesting animals feels that the removal of protection for them would be a step backward and one which would not be for the best interests of the State. It is some satisfaction that damaged landowners are beginning to realize the benefits which accrue to them from the increase in the number of beaver and they are not making so much complaint as they formerly did regarding the flowage and consequent loss of timber by beaver.

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MOLTING PULLETS.

By G. E. Conkey.

"Why do pullets molt?" This is a question that is frequently asked for it is not an uncommon occurrence to have a poultry raiser's fond hopes of numerous winter eggs suddenly go glimmering when his pullets on reaching maturity, and perhaps after laying a few eggs, suddenly go into a molt without any apparent cause. It is a most discouraging situation for it means that the birds will not produce during the next 2 or 3 months, just when they should really be doing their most profitable work of the year.

According to all rules pullets should not molt, and handled right, they will not. First of all, bear in mind that pullets hatched early in the year say before March, are quite liable to molt in late fall, and this especially true with the early maturing breeds like the Leghorn. Therefore, we shall not here refer so much to these as to the later hatched birds that ordinarily should not molt till the following summer.

You know of course, that with old birds you can bring on the molt at most any time in the summer or fall that you desire by a certain method of feeding. To induce early molt you put the birds on short rations for a couple of weeks giving them only a small portion of the food they would eat, perhaps confining the diet of only one of two articles that do not make a complete ration. Naturally, this stops all laying and draws heavily on the fowl's system, and then when you again resume heavy feeding the change causes the feathers to loosen and the bird is soon in full molt. This method, when it first became known was practiced considerably, but today its supporters are few and it is usually considered best to allow nature to take its own time in regard to molting.

Now causes very similar to the forced molt in hens causes the molting of pullets. At the time when the pullets are making their best growth and nearing maturity their owner fails to recognize that their increased size calls for a greater quantity of feed from time to time. Or, he may not have changed the ration to meet the needs of the birds and the lack of certain elements upsets the natural balance in the bird's system. This may happen with birds on range as well as with those that are yarded, for in the fall there is far less food to be picked up than during the summer and the changed conditions may not be considered in the feeding.

Where the feed to meet the increased size and development is not forthcoming, the pullet draws on the system. This results in a loosening of the feathers and instead of a nice lot of pullets prodycing high priced eggs, we have them on our hands for several months as a bill of expense.

Sometimes pullets are started off on a molt by nothing more than a change in the feed at a critical period in their development. This change may be too abrupt or radical or the new feed may be strange to them requiring several days for them to get accustomed to it, their system being improperly nourished in the meantime. These seemingly little mistakes often result in much harm and can only be guarded against when given the intelligent thought necessary to locate the cause, for there is a reason for all these troubles and it is not profitable to have them repeated.

Variety in feeding is very essential but this does not mean that you should give one or two kinds of grains for a few days or weeks, and then something different for a like period. Variety should come through the use of mixtures or by making systematic changes in the different meals or in their arrangement for the different days of the week.

It doesn't pay to make radical changes in the feeding of either hens or pullets. If there is to be a decided change mix a very little of the new feed with the old for a couple of days and then gradually increase the quantity so that when finally the new feed is used entirely the hens will not realize what has been done and no ill effects will be noticeable in the egg yield or otherwise.

When the days shorten and the nights get cold and long try to help your pullets along in every way possible in their development and preparation for a season of heavy laying. They need plenty of feed of the right variety and the cold nights will add to the demand on the fowl's system. Feed is fuel and where this is lacking the system must give up some of its own resources. Make sure your birds are getting every morsel of nourishment out of the feed. Tone up their system with some good poultry tonic, and strengthen their organs so that you can get winter eggs when egg prices are soaring.

Lengthen the short days as much as you can by whitewashing the inside of the house to make it light and keep the windows clean. A good disinfectant mixed in will keep mites from sucking away the bird's energy. If you can't get around to feed your birds at day light then put their breakfast of grain in the litter at night after they have gone to roost and no time will be lost.

Watching the little things is what makes for success with poultry and with the prevailing high prices in both feed and poultry products, and the consequent widening range in the possible profits or losses, it becomes more than ever necessary to stop all the leaks.

MAINE'S POPULATION.

Maine's population has increased 32,543 during the past seven years, according to estimates made by the census bureau at Washington. The population given in 1910 was 742,371 while the figures sent out from Washington recently were 774,914, the last named being the population estimate for Jan. 1, 1917. Comparing the census as estimated for Jan. 1, 1917, with the population of Maine as published in 1900, an increase of 80,448 is shown, for the 17 years that have elapsed. Between 1900 and 1910, the population of this State has increased 47,905, while the increase for the six years that have elapsed since the 1910 census show an increase of 32,543. If the same rate of increase that prevailed during the past six years is maintained during the four years remaining to complete the decade, the increase in population for the ten years extending from 1910 to 1920, will show a gain of nearly 7000 over the increase noted for the period dating from 1900 to 1910.

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SAFETY DEMANDS FEDERAL CONTROL OF THE RAILROADS

Only Way to Meet Emergencies of Nation, Says A. P. Thom.

STATES' RIGHTS PRESERVED

Principles Which Railways Hold Should Govern Regulatory System in Interests of Public and the Roads—Compulsory System of Federal Incorporation Favored.

Washington, Dec. 4.—That the interests of national defense require that control of railway lines should rest with the federal government and not with the states was the claim advanced by Alfred P. Thom, counsel to the Railway Executives' Advisory Committee, in concluding his preliminary statement of the case for the railways before the Newlands Joint Committee on Interstate Commerce.

"We must be efficient as a nation if we are to deal successfully with our national emergencies," said Mr. Thom, "and we must appreciate that efficient transportation is an essential condition of national efficiency. If we are to halt and weaken our transportation systems by state lines, by the permanent imposition of burdens by unwise regulation, we will make national efficiency impossible."

States' Rights Would Not Suffer.

Mr. Thom cited many instances in which shippers in one state were injuriously affected by selfish regulations imposed on the railroads by neighboring states. He pointed out that federal regulation would be no invasion of the rights of the states but would be the means of preserving the rights which they acquired when they entered the Union, one of which was the right to the free movement of their products across state boundaries.

What the Railroads Advocate.

The principles which the railroads believe should be incorporated in any just system of regulation were summarized by Mr. Thom as follows:

1. The entire power and duty of regulation should be in the hands of the national government, except as to matters so essentially local and incidental that they cannot be used to interfere with the efficiency of the service or the just rights of the carriers.

2. As one of the means of accomplishing this, a system of compulsory federal incorporation should be adopted, into which should be brought all railroad corporations engaged in interstate or foreign commerce.

3. The Interstate Commerce Commission under existing laws has too much to do and is charged with conflicting functions, including the investigation, prosecution and decision of cases. The latter duties should be placed in the hands of a new body which might be called the Federal Railroad Commission. Regional Commissions should be established in different parts of the country to assist the Interstate Commerce Commission by handling local cases.

4. The power of the Commission should be extended to enable it to prescribe minimum rates and not merely maximum rates as at present. This would increase their power to prevent unjust discriminations.

Justice to Public and Roads.

5. It should be made the duty of the Interstate Commerce Commission, in the exercise of its powers to fix reasonable rates, to so adjust these rates that they shall be just at once to the public and to the carriers. To this end the Commission, in determining rates, should consider the necessity of maintaining efficient transportation and extensions of facilities, the relation of expenses to rates and the rights of shippers, stockholders and creditors of the roads.

6. The Interstate Commerce Commission should be invested with the power to fix the rates for carrying mails.

7. The federal government should have exclusive power to supervise the issue of stocks and bonds by railroad carriers engaged in interstate and foreign commerce.

8. The law should recognize the essential difference between things which restrain trade in the case of ordinary mercantile concerns and those which restrain trade in the case of common carriers. The question of competition is not the only fair criterion.

9. The law should expressly provide for the meeting and agreement of traffic or other officers of railroads in respect of rates or practices. This should, however, be safeguarded by requiring the agreements to be filed with the Interstate Commerce Commission and to be subject to be disapproved by it.

"My legal proposition," Mr. Thom said, "is that the Constitution as it now is gives full authority to Congress to regulate the instrumentalities of interstate commerce in all their parts. If the power of regulation is to reach the public requirements, it must be coextensive with the instrumentalities of commerce."

Mr. Thom explained that the roads are not asking either of the Committee or of Congress any increase in revenues, but that they are merely asking the perfection of a system which will be responsible to any need that may arise.

BRYAN AGAINST OWNERSHIP BY THE GOVERNMENT

Gives Newlands Committee His Views on Railroad Control.

COMPETITION PREFERABLE.

Federal Regulation Should Not Be Allowed to Exclude Exercise of State Authority, He Contends—Thinks Railroad Stocks Should Represent Actual Value and Be Stable as Government Bonds.

Washington, Dec. 11.—William J. Bryan, who startled the country ten years ago by advocating government ownership of railroads, appeared before the Newlands Joint Committee on Interstate Commerce last week in support of the claim that the states should be allowed to retain authority over the regulation of all transportation lines within their borders. Mr. Bryan explained that he had long regarded government ownership as inevitable, but only because of railroad opposition to effective regulation.

Against Government Ownership.

"Personally I cannot say that I desire government ownership," he explained, "because I lean to the individual idea rather than to the collective idea; that is, I believe that government ownership is desirable only where competition is impossible."

Alfred P. Thom, counsel to the Railway Executives' Advisory Committee, previously had presented before the members of the Newlands Committee as one of his reasons for urging a better balanced and more systematic regulation of railroads the argument that this is the only alternative to government ownership. Calling attention to the restrictions imposed upon the transportation lines by conflicting state laws and regulations, to the practical cessation of new construction and to the impossibility under existing conditions of securing the new capital needed for extensions and betterments of railway facilities, he warned the Congressmen that unless they provided a fair and reasonable system of regulation that would enable the railroads to meet the growing needs of the country's business the national government would be compelled to take over the ownership of the lines with all the evils attendant upon such a system.

Preservation of Competition.

Mr. Bryan, on the other hand, holds that the further extension of federal authority over the railroads would be a step in the direction of government ownership. He advanced the view that the centralization of control in the hands of the national government would impose too great a burden upon the regulating body, would offer strong temptation to railroads to interfere in politics and would encourage the general movement toward centralization of power in the federal government at the expense of the states. He said that he did not object to consolidations of railroad lines so long as they did not destroy competition, that he knew of no complaint against great railway systems because of their size and that he believed that the preservation of competition was the test to be applied to all consolidations.

Regulation of Securities.

Mr. Bryan declared himself in favor of national regulation of railway stock and bond issues, but added that he saw no reason why that should exclude the states from acting on the same subject as to state corporations. "I would like to see the stock of a railroad, as long as it is in private hands, made as substantial and as unvarying as the value of a government bond," he asserted.

He suggested that railroad capitalization be readjusted to equalize it with actual valuation of the property represented, making due allowance for equities, and that when this was done the roads should be allowed to earn sufficient income to keep their stock at par and to create a surplus. The latter, he tentatively proposed, might be allowed to amount to 25 per cent of the capital.

Railway Earnings Low.

This subject of railroad capitalization and the amount of railroad earnings received further attention from the committee during its recent sessions. In answer to questions by Senator Cummins, Mr. Thom submitted figures showing the net earnings of the roads in recent years. These figures show that during the five years from 1905 to 1910 the average net earnings were 5.25 per cent of the net capitalization, while for the five years from 1910 to 1915 the average was only 4.50 per cent. The total earnings on the stock, computed by adding to the net operating income the income from the securities owned and deducting bond interest, were for 1910, 7.00 per cent; for 1911, 6.17 per cent; for 1912, 4.07 per cent; for 1913, 5.04 per cent; for 1914, 4.06 per cent; for 1915, 5.44 per cent, thus showing an almost continuous decrease throughout this six year period. It was announced that Halford Erickson, formerly chairman of the Wisconsin Railroad Commission, would submit more complete information on this subject to the Committee at a later date.

MARKETING POTATOES.

Greater Care Necessary in Digging and Handling, Say Specialists—Standardization Needed.

In order that the present large losses of potatoes may be eliminated and that conditions in the potato-growing industry may be bettered in general, growers should exercise more care in digging and handling the tubers, should work toward the establishment and strict observance of grades, and should carefully study marketing needs and conditions. This is the advice of specialists of the Office of Markets and Rural Organization of the U. S. Department of Agriculture in a recent publication, Farmers' Bulletin 753, Commercial Handling, Grading, and Marketing of Potatoes.

Early and Late Potatoes.

There are two definite crops of potatoes in this country each year: The southern early, or "new" potatoes, which are perishable, and the northern late potatoes, which are only semiperishable. The treatment of these crops must differ considerably. In the South digging begins in Florida, Texas, and southern Louisiana in May and is done mostly by forks and plows. In some of the hotter sections it has been found advisable to plow up the potatoes in the late evening and pick them early the following morning. Picking into rectangular, open-slatted crates, the slats having rounded edges, has been found most satisfactory. The potatoes should not be hauled loose in wagons, since such shipment may bruise them seriously. For shipment the southern potatoes are packed in hampers and double-headed barrels in Florida, and in barrels with burlap covers in other States along the Atlantic coast. In Texas sacks are used.

Grading for the southern potato crop has been rather extensively adopted with good results, the graded potatoes bringing better prices. Mechanical graders are used in some sections.

The marketing of the southern crop is effected largely through cash buyers at shipping points. Shipments are also made through distributors and on consignment to agencies in distant markets. In some sections, it was found, cooperative associations of growers handle the marketing, achieving successful results. One of the largest of such associations operates along the eastern shore of Virginia. This association sold over six million dollars worth of potatoes in 1914. This organization, like others of its kind, grades strictly and makes use of definite brands for the best grades of potatoes. It insists that the potatoes bearing its brand shall be bright, free from second growth, disease, and other defects. Scabby, wormeaten, or sunburnt potatoes are barred. Associations operating on the same general plan exist in most of the other Southern States.

Northern Potato Crop.

Northern, or late potatoes, are dug in August and September. Forks are used to a certain extent for digging this crop, but most of the acreage is dug by plows and digging machines. For the successful use of the latter, soil conditions must be good. Under favorable conditions the use of such machines has been found profitable. There is much loss from bruising potatoes in all types of digging. Deep plowing with plows and machines should eliminate most of such losses.

Picking in the North is mostly by hand, but some combination digging and picking machines are in use. If the potatoes are to be graded as picked, growers should carefully instruct pickers in the work, since the inclusion of a few diseased, cut, or defective potatoes is sufficient to discount an entire shipment, the selling value being largely determined by the poorest tubers in the lot rather than the best. Even the less perishable northern crop may be injured by hauling from the field loose in wagons. This practice usually involves subsequent handling, often with shovels and scoops, which further bruise the potatoes. A good practice, say specialists of the department, is to pick the potatoes into open-slatted crates and haul the filled receptacles to storage or grading houses or to cars.

Grading.

Many sizing machines are used in the North for grade potatoes and, since they give more accurate results than hand grading, their use should be extended. In addition to sorting, these machines are of service in removing dirt. This is an important fact, since there are many complaints by buyers of the presence of dirt among potatoes, and greater allowances are being demanded in price adjustments on this account. The mechanical sizes simply sorts as to size and the stock must be further graded by hand to eliminate potatoes affected by sunburn, dry-rot, scabs, frost, or other defects.

All grading should be done preferably on the farm. If the grower ships ungraded stock to market, it must be graded there where labor is more costly. In addition to paying, in lower prices received, for this labor, he also pays freight on the rejected potatoes and loses the culls, which he might have utilized on the farm. Grading is facilitated where the grower has sufficient storage space for a large part of his crop. In this way potatoes which do not show the effects of frost or other damage when first dug may be detected later and sorted out before the crop is marketed. If the potatoes are shipped without sorting, the damage usually brings about rotting of the injured potatoes before the market is reached and reduces prices on the whole shipment.

Standardization.

In the bulletin already mentioned, the specialists of the department do not make specific recommendations for the adoption of standard grades, but, for the assistance of those interested in bringing about standardization, they suggest that two regular grades and perhaps a special grade for extra fancy potatoes should meet market needs. It is suggested that specifications for the No. 1 grade should be drawn to make it as good and attractive in appearance as is reasonable and practicable. These specifications should practically eliminate potatoes damaged by frost, sunburn, blight, common scab, dry rot, decay, second growth, cuts, bruises, dirt and also undersized or coarse stock. The minimum and maximum sizes for both No. 1 and No. 2 grades are still a subject for careful investigation, discussion, and demonstration. However, a minimum of about 2 inches is maintained for grade No. 1 in a number of early or "new" potato sections, and the commonly discussed minimum for this grade is from 1 7-8 to 2 inches. The minimum diameter for a long variety should probably be a little smaller than for a round one. Since it is practically impossible in grading any perishable products commercially to secure a perfect grade, reasonable tolerances should be allowed. The No. 2 grade should include the better of the remaining potatoes.

The studies of the market specialists of the department indicate that there is an unnecessary diversity in the containers for potatoes in use. These now range from the 1-bushel hampers for the early Florida crop to double-headed barrels. The 2-bushel or 120-pound burlap bag is suggested as perhaps the most satisfactory container for general use. The lack of proper grading and packing, the specialists say, causes a large part of the marketing difficulties now experienced in the potato trade.

Marketing.

Marketing conditions in the North differ widely from those in the South, since about three-fourths of the crop is stored. Local buyers, warehousemen, and distributors are the chief factors in marketing the northern crop. The bulletin already mentioned lists eight methods of selling that growers may adopt. These are: In the field, for cash by the load at the car, to cash traveling buyers in car lots, to local warehousemen, through distributors, by wire, on consignment to a broker or merchant, or through cooperative marketing organizations. The bulletin also discusses the outlets for distributors and methods of railway billing.

Keeping Yourself Well

THE FIRST STEP

Usually the first indication of a lowering of health is found in the bowels and liver. Something goes wrong—we eat too much, or work too hard—and the bowel action weakens or the liver is sluggish. That heavy feeling on arising in the morning, dryness of the throat, with bad taste, a slight headache, dull eyes—all show that food has fermented in the intestines, and that the body is manufacturing poisons instead of good blood.

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COLLECTOR'S ADVERTISEMENT OF SALE OF LANDS OF NON-RESIDENT OWNERS.

STATE OF MAINE.

Unpaid taxes on lands situated in the Town of Bethel, in the County of Oxford, for the year 1916.

The following list of taxes on real estate of non-resident owners in the Town of Bethel aforesaid, for the year 1916, committed to me for collection for said Town on the 26th day of April, 1916, remain unpaid; and notice is hereby given that if said taxes with interest and charges are not previously paid, so much of the real estate taxed as is sufficient to pay the amount due therefor, including interest and charges, will be sold without further notice at public auction at Odeon Hall in said Town, on the first Monday in February, 1917, at nine o'clock A. M.

Name of Owner	Description of Property	Amt. tax	Charges
Geo. W. Blake,	The Henry Bartlett Farm, 140 acres,	8.00	2.00
George W. Day,	Lot 7, Range 1, 125 acres,	5.38	2.00
Warren A. Emery,	Homestead Farm,	129.00	2.00

December 20, 1916.

FRED B. HALL,
Collector of Taxes of the Town of Bethel.

COLLECTOR'S ADVERTISEMENT OF SALE OF LANDS OF NON-RESIDENT OWNERS.

STATE OF MAINE.

Unpaid taxes on lands situated in the Town of Albany, in the County of Oxford, for the year 1916.

The following list of taxes on real estate of non-resident owners in the Town of Albany aforesaid, for the year 1916, committed to me for collection for said Town on the 6th day of June, 1916, remain unpaid, and notice is hereby given that if said taxes with interest and charges are not previously paid, so much of the real estate taxed as is sufficient to pay the amount due therefor, including interest and charges, will be sold without further notice at public auction at The Town House, in said Town, on the first Monday in February, 1917, at nine o'clock A. M.

Name of Owner	Description of Property	Amt. tax	Charges
Coburn & Vail,	100 acres in Lot 7, Range 1,	$10.50	$4.00

December 20, 1916.

GEORGE CUMMINGS,
Collector of Taxes of the Town of Albany.

WEST BETHEL.

This place has been visited by a regular blizzard since Friday, the roads being drifted badly.

Robert Crons is very ill at the home of J. D. Uhlman. A trained nurse from Portland came Sunday evening to care for him.

Mrs. Lettie Davis is having a vacation from her school in Colebrook, N. H., and is with her mother, Mrs. H. N. Head.

Mrs. Hugh Thurston was in Bethel village, Tuesday, also Mrs. Charles McInnis.

Horace Walker has moved into his new house he has been building to replace the one that burned last May. He has a nice and comfortable looking house and stable.

The first crossing on the ice at the ferry was by people on foot, Sunday.

Ira Bennett will soon move from the John Carlton place.

J. Perry has finished his work in Newry and will work in the mill for Hugh Thurston.

Fred Tyler and J. D. Uhlman have a job hauling pine for the Berlin Mills Co., that they purchased of E. P. and Adrian Grover.

Marshall Hastings was in this place, Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. L. A. Sumner are in Bangor to attend the State Grange.

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COLLECTOR'S ADVERTISEMENT OF SALE OF LANDS OF RESIDENT OWNERS.

STATE OF MAINE.

Unpaid taxes on lands situated in the Town of Bethel, in the County of Oxford, for the year 1916.

The following list of taxes on real estate of resident owners in the Town of Bethel aforesaid, for the year 1916, committed to me for collection for said Town on the 26th day of April, 1916, remain unpaid; and notice is hereby given that if said taxes with interest and charges are not previously paid, so much of the real estate taxed as is sufficient to pay the amount due therefor, including interest and charges, will be sold without further notice at public auction at Odeon Hall in said Town, on the first Monday in February, 1917, at nine o'clock A. M.

Name of Owner	Description of Property	Amt. tax	Charges
Vear W. Bean,	Homestead Farm,	$15.05	$1.00
Galon Blake, Heirs of	Homestead Farm,	30.10	1.00
	Land, Bounded N. by Cty. Road, E. by F. C. Bean, S. by E. Cole, W. by J. H. Swan,	6.45	1.00
	Part of Cummings Farm,	5.38	1.00
John A. Chapman, Heirs of	Homestead,	10.75	1.00
	Field So. of Grover Hill Road,	2.15	1.00
Charles P. Dey,	Homestead Farm,	15.05	1.00
Daniel C. Estes,	Homestead Farm,	16.13	1.00
Walter G. Emery,	Homestead Farm,	32.25	1.00
	Cedar Lot,	1.08	1.00
Moses Grover,	Homestead Farm,	9.68	1.00
Gerald Harden,	Homestead, E. Bethel,	3.60	1.00
Ellen P. Kimball,	Homestead Farm,	10.75	1.00
G. B. Mills,	Homestead Farm,	10.10	1.00
George E. Osgood,	Homestead Farm,	15.05	1.00
J. E. Pike,	Homestead at W. Bethel,	6.45	1.00
	Store at W. Bethel,	3.23	1.00
Alfred J. Smith,	Homestead,	5.38	1.00
Lewis L. Spinney,	Homestead at Swan's Corner,	6.45	1.00
Joel P. Swett, Heirs of	Old Homestead Lot,	4.30	1.00
	H. E. Mason Land,	4.30	1.00
	Goodnow Land, East of Pleasant River,	1.71	1.00
	E. J. Bell Hall,	13.98	1.00
Fred C. Verrill,	Homestead Farm,	25.80	1.00
Mrs. Sadie Vashaw,	Homestead at W. Bethel,	10.75	1.00
W. E. Wyman,	Homestead Farm,	10.75	1.00

December 20, 1916.

FRED B. HALL,
Collector of Taxes in the Town of Bethel.

EAST BETHEL.

"A Merry, Merry Christmas to all."

"Heap on more wood the wind is chill,
But let it whistle as it will;
We'll keep our Christmas merry still."

Miss Hattie Flint of Bryant's Pond is working for Mrs. J. H. Swan.

Mr. and Mrs. Leslie Curtis have moved to South Paris.

Smith Bros. are pressing large quantities of hay for Z. W. Bartlett.

Mr. and Mrs. Ernest Nutting of Perham, Me., were recent guests of Mr. and Mrs. O. B. Farwell and family.

Mrs. Gertrude Dorey has returned from Gorham, N. H., and moved into the Merrill rent.

Mrs. Lucetta Bean is at her home here for the Christmas holidays.

Mr. Geo. K. Hastings shot a nice buck deer the last day of the hunting season, Dec. 15.

Mrs. H. E. Bartlett was last week's guest of her son, W. E. Bartlett and family at Bethel village.

Mrs. Dobson and daughter, Marjorie Dobson of Kittery, Me., will spend the Christmas holidays, guests of Mr. and Mrs. George Swan.

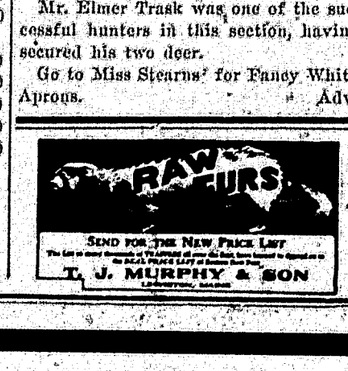
Miss Elsie Bartlett, who is teaching at Center Harbor, N. H., will spend her Christmas recess with friends and relatives in Massachusetts.

Mr. and Mrs. Guy Bartlett are attending Maine State Grange at Bangor, Me., delegates from Alder River Grange.

Mr. Charles Martin is very ill at his home here.

Mr. Elmer Trask was one of the successful hunters in this section, having secured his two deer.

Go to Miss Stearns' for Fancy White Aprons. Adv.



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"Penrod."—By Booth Tarkington.
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"The Spirit of the Border."
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"Big Tremaine."
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BABY TOILET SETS	THERMOS BOTTLES, all styles and sizes
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METHODIST CHU

A happy company of bo and older folks met at th the Men's Class Room at th church last Monday evening nual Christmas supper of th Sunday School. After the Boy Scouts, troop 3, got t gave the scout yell, followe for the cooks, the waiters, a ers, all of whom merited notice if doing full duty wi smile is what one judges b

At 7.30 the concert progra en in the main room of the charge of the committee of H. H. Annas was chairman.

Happy boy and girl life always, or, at any rate, the ple who took part on Chris would give that impression. sides many of the parts sho and training which of themse have made the program inte

The detailed program follo

Organ Voluntary,	
Prayer.	
Recitation,	Eth
Recitation,	Ever
Solo,	
Recitation,	Josephin
Recitation,	Edw
Recitation,	Perl
Duet, Eugenia and	Charley
Recitation,	Ren
Recitation,	Bet
Recitation,	Dorothy Keddy and Hel
Chorus,	Prim
Recitation,	Fleetwoo
Recitation,	Arthu
Solo,	Dor
Recitation,	Gordo
Recitation,	G
Recitation,	Mar
Duet, Doris Grover,	Euni
Recitation,	Ronal
Recitation,	Myra
Recitation,	Sc
Duet, Hildred Keddy,	Euni
Dialogue, "Assisting Santa	C
Misses Bernice Keddy,	Lilli
er, Ruth Wheeler and	Elsie
Walter Inman, Raymond	Ch
Song,	The Girls
Recitation,	L
The Christmas Tree.	

UNIVERSALIST CHURC

Sunday afternoon Rev. J. went to Albany to attend the of Mrs. Eveline Saunders, who Portland, Dec. 21, aged 84 yea

The Christmas exercises on S evening brought together a hap ly of children, parents and frie

As they all gathered around per tables, the little folks were b over with joy, which was the be of the pleasure of the hour.

The banquet room was very decorated by the members of th ladies club "the social six" added to the interest of the o

Following the supper came th concert, including Christmas mu recitations, in which all did that they were generously ap and many wished that this part program might have been longe the unloading of the two trees, the messengers of Santa Cla bountifully covered, was the that broadened the smiles of th dren into loud outbursts of mer And all went home happier for th which united old and young in th it of Christmas. "Glad Tidi Great Joy To All People."

The committees were: Supper J. S. Hutchins, Mrs. M. Farwell Eugene Vandenkerckhoven; C Mrs. F. L. Edwards, Mrs. A. L. W lee, Mrs. E. C. Park, Mrs. W. C sant, Mrs. D. C. Philbrook.

Sunday morning a good audienc present. The music by the choi the sermon were especially appro to the day. The evening service omitted.

CONGREGATIONAL CHURC

New Year's sermon next Su morning.

The choir rehearsal will be on this week.

The church Roll Call will be def till the second week in January, a pastor is to attend the Sunday mo next week.

The Christian Endeavor service be led next Sunday evening by Ca Valentine.

The Christmas festivities passe right merrily. The supper for Su school and parish under the able efficient management of Mrs. Fred brook was about the best ever. attendance was even larger than u and never was supper better enj by young and old. The children some others were joyous to hilarit